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### A Big Russian Turnout To Deliver a Message

### Communists and Nationalists Lead In Early Results From the Far East

Catapiled by Our Staff From Dispotches MOSCOW - Preliminary results from

Russia's Far East put the Communist Party ahead with 20.9 percent of the vote and the extreme nationalist Liberal Democratic Party second with 16.2 percent in parliamentary elections on Sunday.

The results, for 1 percent of the Russian electorate, were given by the Central Election Commission.

The liberal Yabloko bloc ran third with 7 percent; the centrist Women of Russia had 6 percent, and the government party,
Our Home Is Russia, 5.7 percent.
Russian television channels said that

although preliminary polls indicated that the Communists were leading, pro-reform parties had a generous share of the vote. Final results were not expected until Monday at the earliest.

As the last polls closed, the election commission estimated that more than 60 percent of the electorate cast ballots, well above expectations. A higher turnout was expected to boost the chances of proreform parties.

Communists and nationalists who want to turn back President Boris N. Yeltsin's free-market reforms were expected to score big in the race for the State Duma, the lower house. They were riding a wave of anger and despair in a country where life remains bleak and people can now complain about it.

Russia's Choice, one of the pro-reform groups, said its polls indicated centrist and moderate parties taking up to half the vote in many areas

The Far East, where some areas are 10 time zones ahead of Moscow, was the first to vote in the elections to the State Duma, A final figure on the turnout was not

immediately known, but the 25 percent minimum to make the elections valid was easily reached. The election commission Nikolai Ryabov, said the figures were from 220 polling stations out of a total of 3,000 in the Far East. He said the picture could change considerably as

votes were still being counted.

The poll pitted divided liberal forces and the government party against the Communists, who want to reverse reforms partly and recreate, voluntarily, the Soviet

Nationalist groups were also expected to capitalize on discontent with poverty and crime and a widespread nostalgia for Russia's great-power past.

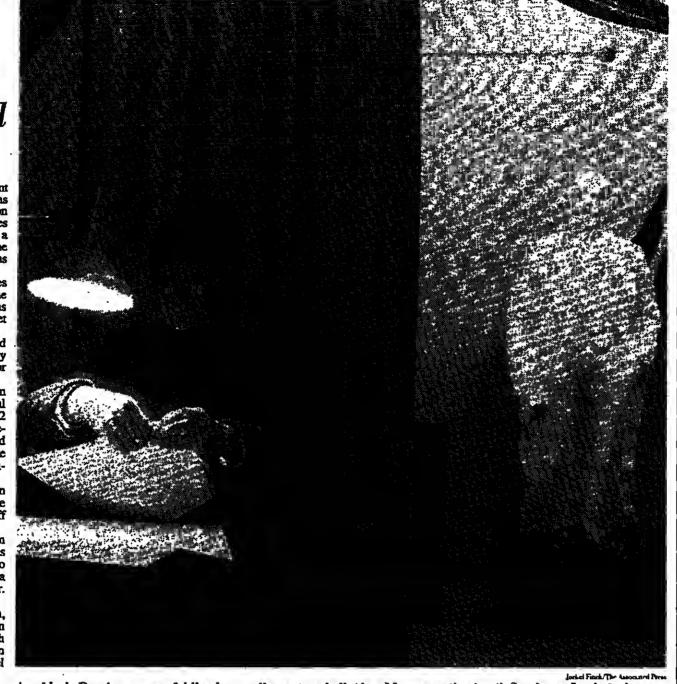
In the last parliamentary election in 1993, Vladimir Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party finished first in all 12 Far Eastern regions. It was not immediately clear whether the Communists had won in each of the 12 regions, but the figures given so far represented a considerable swing to them.

But the high turnout also could mean that undecided and apathetic voters were galvanized to react in an effort to stave off the anticipated Communist comeback.

Mr. Yeltsin, voting in a sanatorium outside Moscow, said market reforms would stay on course regardless of who won election to the State Duma. Asked if a Communist comeback was possible, Mr. Yehsin growled, "No, and no again."

But on Russia's volatile southern rim. there was little thought of voting. Russian troops in rebel Chechnya clashed with separatists in a fourth day of fighting in which dozens have been killed. Rebel

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An elderly Russian woman folding her parliamentary ballot in a Moscow voting booth Sunday as Lenin looks on.

## Winners (Rail Unions) and Losers (Juppé) in French Strike

government prepared for fresh labor talks, be emppling strikes seemed to have some plear initial results: a victory for unionized for Prime Minister Alain Juppé.

More broadly, the immediate impact has been lost business growth and a blow to confidence that is likely to slow consumer spending and discourage foreign investors. gotiations on how to make his proposed Such economic aftershocks would reduce changes in health care and retirement benthe government's room to maneuver as it effits, and he said that he was resigned to seeks new compromises to cut budget letting workers in the state-owned railroads

services resumed around France and the talks Thursday with labor leaders to in-

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railroad workers and a loss of credibility chade the disputed plan for overhauling the

nation's social security system.

But on Sunday, Mr. Juppé, sounding subdued and even chastened in a television interview, said that he was open to negotiations on how to make his proposed

the rest of France. (Page 5)

Even though he can claim to have salvaged welfare change by acceding to the rail unions, Mr. Juppé has acquired an image of obstinacy, and even some of his political allies suggest that he could have beaded off disaster by making the con-cessions earlier — or, better still, not overloading the political situation by tackling the railroads and welfare simultaneously. Now Mr. Juppé will have to contend with a railroad union elated by its biggest victory in years. While the government has

to public sector companies, many private his style. sector employees struck by proxy in voicing support or marching. Indeed, the public's attitude is the major

long-term question that has emerged from France's nearly monthlong social convulsion. Will the strikes usher in more conciliatory approaches and improve the way changes are managed? Or has the conflict polarized the country and its elites in a way that will cripple future initiatives?

The strikers claim to speak for French people frustrated by arrogant management

The outpouring of resentment may foster new cohesiveness, optimists say, citing how the French who stayed on the jobcooperated to overcome the hardships brought on by the strike. Even the tolerance one of Hitler's most senior associates. for the strikers' punishing tactics suggested an uncharacteristic sense in France of be-

ing in the same boat.

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### Austria Votes To Spurn a Sharp Turn To the Right

Social Democrats Win As Nation Rejects Call To Curb Immigration

> By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service

VIENNA — In voting for a new Par-liament, Austrians refused to take the sharp right turn on Sunday that the anti-immigration leader Jörg Haider had urged upon them. Mr. Haider finished with 22.3 percent of the votes, slightly less than he won in the last parliamentary election 14 months ago. Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's center-

left Social Democratic Party finished a strong first, meaning that Mr. Vranitzky, who has led Austria for nearly a decade, will almost certainly remain in office. With nearly all the votes counted, the Social Democrats had 38.2 percent of the vote, up 3.3 percent from last year's result.

Mr. Vranitzky's campaign started slowly, but he appeared to pick up support in the closing days. The slogan oo his posters "Our Austria Is Too Precious For Experiments," and many voters apparently decided that keeping him in office would preserve a measure of stability as the country adjusts to an era of austerity.

Economic and budget issues dominated the beginning of the campaign, but in the last couple of weeks those issues were overtaken by the question of whether country wanted a radical change in direction. Wolfgang Bachmayer, a leading public-opinion researcher, said on the national ORF television network.

"Recent eveots in France led many vot-ers to fear that a political change would lead to serious upheaval," he said. "They

didn't want that here."
Mr. Haider's showing was a serious blow to his ambition to win the chancellor's job by 1998, and suggested that support for his Freedom Party, which had beeo rising steadily for nearly a decade, has reached a peak.

Mr. Haider, whose father was a member the Nazi party, may have been hurt by this weekend's discovery of a videotape made in October that showed him addressing a meeting of veterans of the Nazi SS. Amoog the guests was Gudrun Burwitz, daughter of Heinrich Himmler, who was

In the tape, which was broadcast on German television and widely reported in Austrian newspapers, Mr. Haider calls the This approach is echoed by Nicole No-veterans "dear friends" and praises them tat, head of the Democratic Confederation as "upstanding citizens who still have

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### 'A New Game,' **But Assad Still Holds the Cards**

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - While the Israelis and Americans were clearly jubilant over their success in gening Syria back to a ne-gotiating table, the basic question remained the same: Was President Hafez Assad really ready to deal? In the Israeli-American view, he had to

be. His former Soviet backers were gone,

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Israel had made peace with the Egyptians, lordanians and Palestinians, and the Israelis and a new leader who was proclaiming his reging for the peace from every podium and hinting that it could well include the whole of the Golan Heights and an endirections of Syria's hegemony in Leb-

But Mr. Assad recently celebrated 25 years in power, and all of them have been in a state of acuve or dormant conflict with Israel. He had rebuffed many an invitation to the peace table before - twice in the

past year alone. Though Israeli newspapers all greesed the armouncement Saturday by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher that new talks between Jeruslaem and Damascus would start Dec. 27, one Israeli commentator

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DOWN AND DONE - Mike Tyson standing over Buster Mathis Jr. after Opinion knocking him out in the third round of their bout in Philadelphia. Page 18. Books

### Pope May Visit **Holy Land Soon**

JERUSALEM (AFP) — Pope John Paul II is considering making his first visit to Israel soon, the Vatican foreign minister said here Sunday.

"I believe that the date for this pilgrimage to the boly sites is near," Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran told journalists on the first day of a four-day visit. Archbishop Tauran, the highest level Vatican official to visit Israel since the Holy See established relations with the Jewish state in June 1994, met earlier Sunday with Israel's two chief rabbis, Meyer Lau and Elyahu Bakshi Doron.

The archbishop also met Sunday with the mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, who issued an invitation to the Pope to visit the city.

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### Putting a 'Building Block' Of Asian Security in Place

By Micbael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - The security agreement that Indonesia and Australia will sign on Monday reflects increasing concern among Asian and Pacific countries about new challenges to regional stability from China and other sources.

Officials said Sunday that although the accord between the two neighbors was not a formal defense alliance, its terms for developing closer military ties between them and providing mutual support in the event of an external challenge were similar to those in existing security agreements between Australia and Papua New Guinea, and among Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Singapore and Malaysia through the Five Power Defense arrangements.

"This is part of a process of putting together a series of building blocks in the common security interests of the region as a whole," said Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister, who will sign the agreement with Ali Alatas, his Indonesian coun-

It is the first time that Indonesia - a founding member of the Nonaligned Movement and the fourth largest country in the arrangement with another country. The agreement, which Paul Keating,

Australia's prime minister, said had

'treaty status, " has been drafted in the most inoffensive language possible to avoid charges that it is part of an attempt, inspired by the United States, to contain China or any country, officials said.

Australia and the United States are allies

under the ANZUS mutual defense pact. Nonetheless, analysts said that the agreement between Indonesia and Australia reflected a growing determination by countries in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific to maintain stability in the region and lay the basis for a strategic counterweight to any attempt by China or any other outside power to interfere in regional affairs.

Juwono Sudarsono, deputy head of a training institute for the Indonesian armed forces, said the agreement could serve as "a deterrent" to possible use of force, or the threat of force, by China in the region. Mr. Alatas said that despite differences

over some issues, like the situation in East Timor, Indonesia and Australia had "common perceptions of what can constitute a possible threat to the whole region.

He said that such a situation could arise if the equilibrium of forces among the major powers" was upset, the China-Taiwan dispute or tension on the Korean Peninsula flared up, or there was "an uncontrolled world - has entered into a formal security escalation in the South China Sea" as a result of the dispute between China, Tai-

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### West Moves Into the Wreckage of Tito's Brotherhood and Unity' 12.50 FF Morocco 14 Dh 1.600 CFA Ostar 1.000 Riels £E 5 Réunion 12.50 FF

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

VUKOVAR, Croania - On a weedy plot of land along a riverbank in this once proud outpost of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Drago Vuckovic fought for his homeland and watched his brother die on the

wrong side of the line. As war in the former Yugoslavia erupted in 1991, Mr. Vuckovic joined the militia forces of Croatia, a part of Yugoslavia that had just declared independence. His 32-year-old sibling, Pajo, remained in the federal army of Yugoslavia, which was dominated by

bia. So the two brothers, children of a Serb-Croat-mixed marriage, ended un fighting on opposing sides slaughter that haunt his sleep. His Serb mother died mare that tore their country apart. While giving in-last year in Vukovar, and continued Serb occupation of dependence to some, the bloodshed has bequeathed to in the same battle here. On Aug. 15, 1991, Drago Vuckovic was manning a sniper's nest overlooking the killing ground when Croatian gunfire cut his brother

"I thought, "Let the bastard die," "Mr. Vuckovic recalled. "He had abandoned Croatia. He was fighting

for the Serbs. I just walked away.

Four years later, Mr. Vuckovic does not feel that way anymore. At 38, broken by years of fighting Serbs and Muslims in Croatia and Bosnia, the former comfederal army of Yugoslavia, which was dominated by of Yugoslavia, which was dominated by officers and troops from the neighboring region, Ser-

"These days I ask myself. "Was it really worth it?" " Mr. Vuckovic said.

His question is being repeated all over the charred remains of the former Yugoslavia these days. From the Bosnian Serb mountain stronghold of Pale, to the streets of the woebegone Serbian capital, Belgrade, through the gritty alleys of Sarajevo and down the

his hometown prevented him from laying her to rest. a skilled, well-educated people who once enjoyed the His Croat father has disappeared. His friends are either dead or emigrants.

trappings of European prosperity a paltry inheritance of poverty, homelessness and hate. Now they wonder what they have wrought - and whether they can return to a stable peace with the help of U.S. and NATO troops.

A simple question haunts the peace agreement, one that assumes new urgency as U.S. soldiers pour into Bosnia: Are the people of this cultural crossroads where East meets West burdened with a historical

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# On Japan's Subway, the Commuter's Daily Nightmare

AWASAKI, Japan — Every morning, millions of Japanese brace for the ugly commuting hurly-burly: the train ride. For Samu Yamamoto, the sights and

smells of the rude and uncouth rush-hour crowd conjure up sensations that propel him into spells of debauchery. Mr. Yamamoto, 42, is something of a professional molester, and for him the subways are a feast of touchables.

"Wheo men and women are packed together, squeezed onto a train, I think everybody has some kind of desire to touch someone else's body," said Mr. Yamamoto, who says he belongs to a small clandestine, loosely organized molesters' group that meets occasionally to share tips and experiences.

"If someone were molesting on a train elsewhere in the world, they'd be accused of sexual harassment, "he said. "It's unique to

Japan that people put up with this."

Japan is probably the most polite society in the world, a place where people bow and greet each other with apologie

But the law of the jungle is the only one

that prevails in the trains from places like Kawasaki, a bedroom community east of Tokyo, where sleepy commuters wriggle their way through the crowds each morn-

ing on the train platform.

It is the same throughout the Tokyo

region, in the sprawling web of under-ground subways, where push turns to shove as nearly 15 million passengers shuffle through each day.

And during the busy moments of pedes-trian traffic, molesters, drunkards and pickpockets, as well as pushers and shovers, often ruin a commuter's ride.

It is common for Japanese women to say they have been groped at least once on the

Yuri Kaga, a 27-year-old office worker vividly remembers that as she got off a subway one day, someone slipped his hand under her T-shirt and unbooked her bra. "It was so sudden I didn't know what happened," Miss Kaga said. Then another time, a man sexually rubbed against her clothes and body, horrifying her so much that before going to work that morning she went and bought new clothes and threw away her sullied ones.

Miyuki Omori, another 27-year-old office worker, said she once saw a man yanking at the undergarments of a female train rider. "The train was so crowded she couldn't get away from him," Miss Omori said. "At the next station she stepped out to change cars, but he followed her.

For many Japanese women, such transgressions are tolerated with disgust mainly because they feel they have no redress. Some women say that policemen ignore the problem, even when plainclothes of-ficers — on duty to scout for pickpockets - see a molester in action.

"The police are very uncooperative," said Kazue Akita, an outspoken female lawyer. "Because it happens so often, the women just give up. Society thinks it isn't a big problem, so women are forced to think so as well. It's not only the criminals I'm furious at. Sometimes I want to kill the policemen as well."

rainmasters seem embarrassed by the molesting and say such be-havior and other crimes are police matters, but they say they can do little besides comfort the victim or scold the molester if they catch him. When an angry woman once dragged in a young man who had molested her, Masami Tsukada, a deputy trainmaster on the Odakyu line, just issued a warning.
"The woman didn't insist on calling the

police, and the guy admitted he did it but said he was repentant." Mr. Tsukada said. "We generally bring the woman into our office to soothe her, and we reprimand the

people who commit the crimes. But subway officials are trying to stamp out other discourtesies and establish better subway manners. Inside the train cars, cartoon posters tell people to step aside as passengers exit, avoid whirling zippered backpacks into children's faces and lower the volume of Sony Walkmans.

At a station along the Odakyu line, which carries commuters into Tokyo from places like Kawasaki, attendants braced themselves one recent morning in front of

When a train pulled in to eject the morn-

ing traffic, passengers spilled out and a thin woman collapsed in a faint.

"On a bad day, we could have three to four people falling sick," said Takeo Aokita, a deputy stationmaster on the Odakyu line. "Many of them are women who are skinny, who skip their breakfast or are on a diet, and they're not able to cope with the rough crowds in the train."

During rush hours, train attendants with white gloves come out in full force, some hired specially as "shiri oshi," or "tushy pushers," who stand in front of the doors to

help pack passengers into the train.

"It's not a very good feeling to be pushing passengers, for it's kind of troubling them," said Masami Tsukada, another deputy stationmaster on the Okakyu line. "People are on the train for extended periods of time, and they get frustrated and irritated, which leads to bad manners."

These days, most passengers do their own pushing, with some even trying to maintain a modicum of manners. As the car doors were about to close recently at a Kawasaki starion, a young Japanese woman rushed to the platform,

bowed deeply in courtesy to the crowded tangle of people inside, and then charged Some people just thrust themselves in. Some slip in on the side. Japanese trains are usually on schedule and so those who time their commutes down to the minute often prefer the last-in, first-out method, which

means they must maneuver in just as the doors are closing. Others who are determined to read on the train favor the door spots for the space to pull out a book or magazine. But as the weather turns cold and people put un bulky overcoats, the race for space becomes vi-

"There are so many people that I'm just so tired by the time I get home," said Kazumi Kobayashi, 24, an office worker. 'I just want to take a bath to wash off my

As for Mr. Yamamoto, the molester, he is unabashed and wrote a book about his experiences, including the time he groped a woman who then became his wife.

But strong protests from oumerous women's groups forced his book off the market, and now he says he restrains himself on the subways.

This Week's Holidays

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New York Times Service MOSCOW - An American journalist and his Georgian assistant were wounded Saturday during fighting in the Russian republic of Chechnya.

The journalist, Steve LeVine, a freelance writer who reports for The New York Times and Newsweek magazine, and his assistant, Nana Kiknadze, received leg injuries when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded near them outside a Chechen town, Urus-

Mr. LeVine suffered shrapnel wounds and a broken leg, according to witnesses reporting from Grozny, the Chechen capital. Ms. Kiknadze's injuries were described as not serious. They were taken to the main functioning hospital in Grozny, where they were to be treated until they could be taken to

Of the thousands of people killed since Russia attacked the rebellious southern republic a year ago, at least a dozen have been journalists, both foreign and Russian. Many more have

#### ■ Sharp Battle for Town

The battle for Chechnya's second-largest town, Gudermes, continued for a fourth day Sunday, with rebel forces firing on Russian forces throughout the night in several places in the city, The Associated Press reported from Grozny.

However, no losses were re-

# Commuters pushing their way onto to a subway car in Tokyo. Many women are victimized by molesters on the trains. Salman Rushdie Reportedly Hurt

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# In Car Accident

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SYDNEY - The author Salman Rushdie and two companions suffered minor injuries when their car crossed a highway and collided with an oncoming truck, TV stations reported Sunday.

Police and hospital officials in the New South Wales town of Milton refused to confirm that Mr. Rushdie had been injured, referring calls to the Sydney police department.

The Sydney police would only say that all three people injured in the accident Saturday evening were from Londoo — Mr. Rushdie's home town and that they were a 48-year-old man, a 30-year-old woman and a 16-year-old boy. Mr. Rushdie is 48.

All three had been treated and released from the Milton hospital, the police said.

The police said that the 48year-old man suffered an injury to his right arm, and that all

They said the car crossed over the highway, hit an oncoming truck, bounced off its trailer and then hit a tree.

Mr. Rushdie has been touring New Zealand and Australia promoting his latest book,
"The Moor's Last Sigh."

His representatives could oot be reached for comment. His whereabours and movemems are closely guarded because for six years he has been

under a fatwa, or religious edict, calling for his death for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his book "The Satanic Vers-The farwa, issued by a former leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has not

But Mr. Rushdie has been traveling and making more public appearances on promotion tours in recent years.

### French Transport Starts Rolling

PARIS (AFP) - About half of scheduled French trains will run Monday as railroad workers return to their jobs after a strike that has paralyzed France for more than three weeks, the SNCF rail authority

In the Paris region, trains, buses and the Métro will be free Monday, the RATP Paris mass-transit authority said. On the Metro system on Sunday, partial service had been restored on 11 of the total 15 lines, and about 20 percent of buses were running in the capital. On average, from 50 to 60 percent of SNCF trains ran Sunday on regional and express intercity services, after most of the services 180,000 workers voted Friday to end the strike.

#### Belgium Faces Renewed Rail Strikes

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Belgium faces the prospect of a new and stronger wave of tail strikes as unions reacted angrily on Saturday to plans by Belgian Railways to slash costs, cut jobs and

change working practices.

The railway board has agreed to a restructuring plan to save 70 billion francs (\$2.4 billion) and cut 8,500 jobs over 10 years.

Record Rainfall in Gulf Emirates DUBAI (AFP) - Record rainfall in Dubai and the surrounding

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desert emirates has flooded roads, closed schools and forced lundreds of people to be evacuated, authorities said Sunday. The United

Arab Emirates have been the hardest hit. More than 100 millimeters

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

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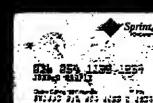
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because of the budget impasse and thousands of workers threatened with furloughs on Monday, President Bill Clinton and Republican leaders in Congress spent the weekend blaming each other for the deadlock, but made no noticeable progress toward resolving their dif-

In a radio address on Saturdsy, the president accused the Republican Congress of forc-ing government installations to close "in an effort to force through their unacceptable cuts in health care, education and the

"It's irresponsible," Mr. Clinton said. "I won't give in to the threat."

Asked about the president's accusations, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the majority leader and Mr. Clinton's most likely opponent in next year's elec-tion, snapped, "He can stop that garbage that he's spewing out on his radio program and

Acverything else."
On Sunday, Mr. Clinton said, "I very much bope that in the spirit of the season we can resame these salks in good faith."

His chief of staff, Leon E. Panetts, said later, "I think the willing to sit in the room with the Republican leadership, the Democratic leadership, as long as there aren't preconditions, as long as there aren't ultimatums, as long as there aren't threats about shutdown."

He added, "We are not going to surrender before we nego-

Mr. Panetta also said: "It isn't the Senate that's the problem here," adding: "The House Republicans have basically been in a lock. They're on a revolution. They want to get the contract done regardless of what happens here."

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service

Pete V. Domenici, Republican of New Mexico and chair-WASHINGTON — With man of the Senate Budget Committee, said Sunday, "We're all ready to make a deal." He denied that the House, with its vocal core of conservative freshmen members, was any less ready to compromise than was the Senate.

Republicans broke off what were supposed to be last-ditch budget negotiations on Friday because the White House refused to meet their one precondition: that the president submit a plan that could be shown on paper to lead to a balanced budget within seven years using the calculations of the Congres-sional Budget Office.

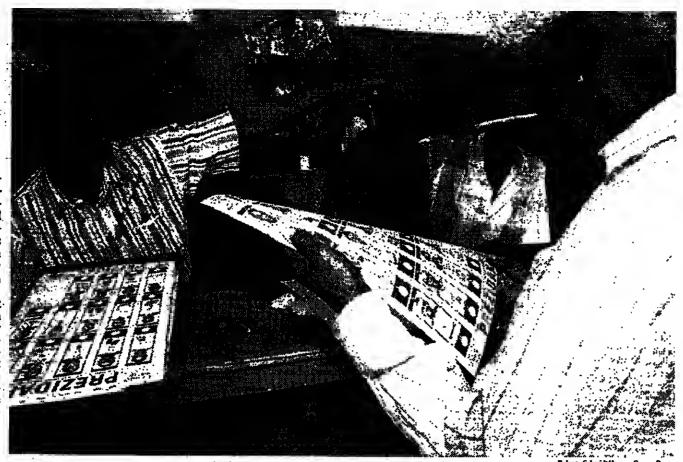
White House officials contended that they had indeed produced a balanced budget using their own, more flexible calculations and accused Republicans of insisting on unreasonably large savings from Medicare and Medicaid.

The agreement that ended last month's six-day partial shutdown of the government expired at midnight Friday. As a result, nine cabinet departments and many agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and NASA have no money with which to operate because the bills providing them money for this fiscal year

have not been passed.

If the situation is not resolved president would be more than by Monday, many offices will be closed, and some 260,000 government workers will be

The impasse involves the Republicans' massive long-term budget bill and a half-dozen pending bills for the current fiscal year, Last week, Mr. Clinton vetoed the long-term measure, which is supposed to lead to a belanced budget within seven years, on the grounds that benefits like Medicare and Medicaid would be limited too severely and taxes cut too deeply. The Republican majority in Congress is too small to override the veto.



A Haitian voter checking the list of candidates on Sunday at a polling station in Port-au-Prince.

### Turnout Low as Haiti Chooses President

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Haitians showed little enthusiasm Sunday for an election to choose a successor to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a vote regarded as major test of the country's fledgling democ-

Workers and observers at many precincts across the country reported only a fraction of registered voters had cast their ballots hours after polls

attributing the lack of interest to ed. parliamentary votes earlier in the year, a short campaign and a reluctance by many to see Mr. Aristide leave office.

Voting was largely peaceful, with few reports of irregular-

A United Nations vehicle

Turnout appeared weakest in the capital, said Micheline Begin, deputy director of the Organization of American States election-monitoring team.

A U.S. official speculated that overall turnout could be as low as 30 percent to 35 percent. was hit by gunfire in rural Petit The election that brought Mr. Goave two hours before polls Aristide to power in 1990 opened, but no one was hurt. A showed a turnout of 47 percent. UN spokesman termed the Former Prime Minister René

said overall turnout was low, whether it was election-relat-attributing the lack of interest to ed. was widely expected to sweep the field of 14 candidates and avoid a runoff election in Jan-

> After casting his ballot, Mr. Préval told reporters he hoped for a presidential term "without any coup d'état or thuggery as was always the case in the past to interrupt the process."
> The United States has billed

the election as a decisive test of the policy of military intervention that restored Mr. Aristide shooting an "isolated inci- Préval, running under Mr. Aris- to power in 1994 after he was Haitian and foreign officials dent" and said it was unclear tide's Lavalas party banner, ousted in a 1991 coup.

#### Away From Politics

Murders reported to the police years, the FBI reported Sunday. There ported crimes and a 5 percent drop in violent crimes alone. (AP)

 About 150 relatives of those killed in the federal building bombing last April 19 in Oklahoma City gathered to decorate a plunged by 12 percent in the first half of this year, the largest drop in at least 35 memory of the 169 victims. (AP)

was a 1 percent decrease overall in re- • While the police have no motive in an office shooting in Evendale, Ohio, that

Clemons, 53, the trucker charged in the attack, had been taking the antidepressant Prozac, but that his prescription recently ran out. After the shooting, Mr. Clemons surrendered to the police.

• A federal judge in Salt Lake City, Utah, sentenced Earl Shumway to the maximum six and a half years in prison left three dead, a relative says that Gerald for stealing from Indian burial sites. (AP)

#### The Newt-Donor Show Moves On

WASHINGTON -Interviews and recently released federal records show that the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, has invited critical attention by bestowing special treatment on donors who gave substantial sums to his pet political project the GOP Action Committee, which raised untold millions of dollars in the last decade for the Republican revolution that Mr. Gingrich was fomenting. By using the committee, Mr. Gingrich could encourage corporate executives to donate unlimited amounts with the assurance that their contributions would not be revealed in records open to the public.

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In letters to supporters, the committee left little doubt that those who gave at least \$10,000 a year would enjoy extraordinary access to the Republican congressman from Georgia.

Part of what made the committee "unique," according to the letters, was the opportunity to "work with Newt Gingrich and to influence his issues and direction." Mr. Gingrich himself extended invitations for contributors to accompany him on 6 A.M. walks for "an hour of uninterrupted con-

These actions raise new questions about whether the man who now is House speaker exceeded the bounds of propriety. Although it is accepted practice for members of Congress to seek financial support aggressively, they are prohibited by law from taking official action in exchange for anything of value, including contributions.

Since his peers elected him speaker in January, Mr. Gingrich has been dogged by allegations that he violated ethical

#### New Hampshire, Top of the Pops

CONCORD, New Hampshire - In the last two weeks, the New Hampshire secretary of state, William Gardner, has accepted the \$1,000 filing fee from 45 candidates for the presidential nomination from the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Parties.

When the filing period closed Friday, there were 21 Democrats, including President Bill Clinton, 22 contenders in the Republican primary and two for the Libertarian vote.

In addition to Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate majority leader, and Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, the other well-known Republican candidates who filed were: the commentator Patrick Buchanan; Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana; former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee; Alan J. Keyes, a former State Department official; Representative Robert Doman of California; the publisher Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr., and Morry Taylor, an Illinois busi-

Mr. Clinton is the first Democratic president seeking renomination in 32 years to face no major challenger in New

The date of New Hampshire's primary has not been settled this year for precedural reasons centering on a primary scheduled four days later in Delaware. (NYT)

#### Quote/Unquote

Mr. Dole on Mr. Clinton and the breakdown in budget negotiations between Congress and the White House: "I don't think he's telling the American people the truth, and if he thinks he is engaged in serious budget negotiations he ought to look at the budget."

Senator Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader on Mr. Dole's account of the negotiations: "His version of the truth and mine could not be more different. My versioo is that it was the Republicans this afternoon who got up and walked

### Teenage Use of Illicit Drugs Rises Again

By Pierre Thomas Washington Four Service

WASHINGTON - The number of American tochagers using illicit drugs increased again last year for the fourth consecutive year with fewer about the dangers of substance

abuse, according to a survey.

More secondary school students are using manjuana, LSD, hallucinogens, am-phetamines, stimulants and inhalants every year, with the levels doubling in several in more than 400 public and categories since the start of the private secondary schools. decade, according to the survey by the University of Michigan's

drug use among teenagers is from 11 percent to 21 percent.

Clieton administration's anti-

is conducted for the National The Michigan researchers have 10th and 8th graders for the past

survey of about 50,000 students

The proportion of 8th graders

- children about 13 years old ed partisan debate over the to 33 percent. The percentage of same conclusion.

drug efform. The annual Michigan survey

institute on Drug Abuse, and Use of manijuana, which law experts consider it among the most reliable benchmarks of more potent now than during adolescent behavior because of the 1960s and 1970s, showed young people even worried its continuency and longevity. the sharpest expansion, continbeen politing high school set the early 1990s. Nearly one in high or moderate risk of "se-nions made than 20 years and 20 high school seniors were riously damaging their life daily users of marijuana during chances" because of drug and the past year. The proportion of alcohol abuse, teenage preg-This year's report involved a 8th graders experimenting with the drug has nearly tripled since 1991 to 16 percent, with similar

12th graders. The researchers point out Institute for Social Research.

Several other recent reports thave similarly concluded that most doubled since 1991, up widespread as during the peak periods of the 1970s and 1980s. steadily increasing in the 1990s The share of 10th graders refollowing a decline in the 1980s. The Michigan survey's release stoked an already heatrelease stoked an already heat-

> Department of Agriculture researchers say they may have found a method to control

> the ticks that carry such ailments as Lyme

high school seniors experi-menting with drugs has grown The annual National Household Survey on Drug Abuse reported in September that regby about half over that period to ular marijuana use by teenagers had nearly doubled in two better than out of one of three. years. A 10-year study by the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development reported in October that nearly half of uing a resurgence that began in Americans aged 10 to 14 are at chances" because of drug and

nancy and other perils. The Michigan survey also found that fewer young people trends holding true for 10th and believed that drugs are dangerous, a trend that began in earnest for all grade levels in 1991. The falling concern held true for marijuana, crack cocaine and powder cocaine and LSD. Four years ago, 79 percent of high school seniors thought marijuana use involved a "great risk" of harm. In the most recent survey, only 61 per-

cent expressed such views. "As long as we are seeing erosions in the dangers youngsters believe to be associated with these drugs, and erosions in the norms against their use, I expect that we will see a continuation of the increase in drug use," said Lloyd D. Johnston, one of the survey's re-

Mr. Johnston said the trends hold true across racial and so-

disease and human chrlichiosis. The ticks infect cattle and humans who venture into the brush. Now, deer are fed with com treated with a pesticide called Ivermectin, which kills ticks Marketplace. on the animal. But the flesh of the deer that eat Talk of the Nation: the corn is not fit to eat for about two months, Monitor Radio. reducing the test periods and areas where researchers can conduct experiments.

About People Hear America's quality, independent Larry King, the celebrity interviewer on television, shrugs off any criticism that he is not hard-hitting, noting that his talk-show guests have made news that is routinely picked up in The New York Times, "I'm not interested in embarrassing nor am I interested in sucking up to them," he says. "I'm just curious."

Friends and colleagues showered Gloria Steinem, the feminist leader, with praise at a tribute given by the Veteran Feminists of America. She was hailed by speakers as brilliant, strong, constant, funny, loving - you name it. After the accolades Ms. Steinem said. 'I keep wondering if I'm dead yet.."

Dave Duchovny, who plays an FBI agent in the television series "The X-Files," met a couple of real G-men on a television quiz show and asked them what they thought of his portrayal. Their best tip, he said, was, "Never All Things Considered. We're all here.

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The robber's first mistake may have been holding up a bank next door to a police station in Fort Worth, Texas. His second was

wearing a ski mask as he stood in a line of **AMERICAN** customers. 'It's not peculiar to wear a ski mask during a robbery, but it is a bit peculiar to wear a ski mask and stand in line," a police official said. When a customer asked the robber what he was up to, he was told to mind his own business. Instead, the customer went next door. The man was arrested as he left the bank.

California Girl, 7, Has Surgery To Face World With a Smile

**TOPICS** 

Seven-year-old Chelsea Thomas of Palmdale, California, got an early Christmas pre-sent last week when she underwent surgery aimed at giving her a smile. She was born without the nerves or muscles needed to smile an affliction that strikes about one in a quarter-million people.

A team of doctors in a Los Angeles hospital, headed by Ronald Zuker, a Toronto microvascular surgeon, transplanted a thigh muscle, complete with artery, vein and nerves, to Cheisea's cheek and connected it from the cheek bone to the major muscle responsible for smiling. The newly implanted muscle was also connected to a facial nerve normally used for

chewing to help give it power.

The operation cost \$70,000, but Chelsea's parents persuaded their managed health care company, Kaiser Permanente, to pay. "This was not cosmetic surgery," a Kaiser Permanente spokeswoman said. "This girl was born nente spokeswoman said. with a congenital disorder and there are a lot of physical and psychological implications of not

being able to smile." Later, she will undergo the same procedure on the other side of her face. Her mother, Lori Todd, said she hoped her daughter would be able to smile by her birthday in June. She said Chelses wants to become a doctor.

Short Takes

pull out your ID with your gun hand."

Les Echos

AIR BASE. BOSNIA - Losing a battle cover on Sunday, but turned formally pinned on its badge of itals of Bosnia and Croana; then Balkan fog, U.S. advance off to Aviano in Italy. forces for a NATO-led peace-"Why put people a keeping operation in Bosnia risk?" said Major Ryan Yantis firepower will suffice to keep vo. and down to three multispent Sunday waiting here for as yet another transport plane transport planes that never tried to put down, found the

While the order to move in and headed off for Italy. came Saturday, U.S. troops are not now expected to start ar- be, the U.S. Army could run its riving in Bosnia in force until deployment of 20,000 troops the end of the week unless there from a former Soviet Army base is a break in the weather, U.S. officials said, something that is border at Kapsovar.

snow-covered woods of northeastern Bosnia for four days as the cold, wet weather has frustrated American plans to airlift equipment and 1,000 men to open a U.S. base.

Air Base in Germany carrying many:

with a thick cold blanket of away at the last minute and flew

"Why put people at undue lack of visibility too dangerous

Major Yantis said that if need across the Hungarian-Croatian

considered unlikely. The base there is being set up
No planes have landed at this now as a logistics and staging The base there is being set up former MiG fighter base in the point for the 1st Armored Division and other units heading for Bosnia from bases in Germany.

■ NATO in Power

Rick Atkinson of The Washington Post reported eorlier Two planes from Ramstein from Bad Kreuznoch, Ger-

authority in Bosnia this week- to Lieutenam General Michael end, hopeful that a make-my- Walker of Britain, the force's and troops. day attitude and intimidating ground commander in Saraje-

The transfer of power from the United Nations to the Westem alliance has conseguences both practical and symbolic. In effect, Bosnia is now NATO's Bosnian sector at Tuzla. problem. And in large measure that means Bosnia is now an the force's 60,000 troops, the American problem. As the al- transfer of authority is as simple scape "is like West Virginia, liance's undisputed leader, the United States dominates both the chain of command and the ranks of the NATO force.

The new command structure extends from General George Joulwan of the United States, NATO's supreme commander in Mons, Belgium, to Admiral Leighton Smith of the

special ground control equip— Like a new sheriff sent to establish field headquarters in Americans, however, arrive as ment tried to pierce the cloud tame a lawless town, NATO Sarajevo and Zagreb, the cap— "the new kids on the block," as 'the new kids on the block," as one British analyst put it, with a large part of the force's arsenal

The U.S. units head into Bosnia with a mixture of anxnational division commanders, iety and excitement, leavened including Major General with barracks humor. One senior officer, just back from a William L. Nash, commander of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored reconnaissance mission, de-Division and the northeast scribed Tuzla—a gritty mining town - as "Pittsburgh without For a substantial portion of a football team."

Another officer said the landexcept here the Hatfields and 13,000 British and 10,000 McCoys are armed with AK-Some soldiers also have French soldiers committed to packed a don't-tread-on-me belligerence. Asked whether swap UN blue berets for their NATO helmets. Like Turkey, his unit is equipped with oon-Norway and several other par- lethal weapons like pellet guns ticipants in the NATO force, or sum grenades, a captain said: "We're going down there with our full basic load of ammo and U.S. Navy, NATO's southern albeit under the constraints of a then some. The mes commander in Naples, who will UN peacekeeping mission. The Don't screw with us." albeit under the constraints of a then some. The message is:



A French soldier in the UN peacekeeping force peering from a bunker on Mount Igman, near Sarajevo. UN peacekeepers are exchanging their blue berets for NATO helmets.

#### Q&A / How to Heal the Scars

### Children Caught Up in the Crossfire of War

Last week, Unicef issued its 50th a dramatic expansion of children fightanniversary issue on the state of world's children, focusing on the plight of children caught up in wars and conflicts. The organization's executive director, Carol Bellamy, discussed the issues with Borry James of the International Herald Tribune.

Q. Your report points to a growing involvement of children not only as victims of war but also as participants. Could you explain?

A. What really shocked me was the realization that a 10-year-old can take apart and put together an AK-47 rifle with the greatest of ease. I always thought of Marines training with these huge packs oo their backs, but of course the weapons are so much lighter today. The technology makes it that much easier to kill people.

Q. So there are literally children's

O. Is it possible for these boy soldiers ever to lead a normal life?

ing in wars. It's estimated that in Mozambique there were 10,000 boy

In some countries, more than twothirds of the kids have seen people murdered, 90 percent of the kids have seen dead bodies, 70 percent of the kids have seen people tortured or beaten. So we do think our programs should

include some kind of counseling, and we are training teachers and community workers, as well as psychologists. Q. Another problem highlighted by you and other organizations is that of

land mines. Some of these things cost far less than a box of your greeting cards.

A. That's right. Or less than a bottle of the vitamin A pills that would stop blindness. Do you know that it costs approximately \$3 to produce and lay a mine, and \$600 to \$1000 to get it up?

It is estimated that there are still more than 110 million land mines in more than 64 countries. And more are being A. We think they can, but we don't laid than are being dug up. They are have much information. It is really only there for no other reason but to kill or in recent years that there has been such maim.

Q. Are you concerned about the to continue. It is the modern version of broader questions of violence in the slavery. media and in society?

as changing hats. Many of the

Operation Joint Endeavor will

Britain and France have long

had troops serving in Bosnia,

the convention on the rights of the child, which talks about there being reasonable guidelines about what is available in the media. From our perspective, there is no doubt that there is excessive violence in the media.

Q. Do you agree with those who say of dysfunctional communities. that large oumbers of children today literally are slaves?

labor exploitation, we think you can call it slavery. There are still unscrupulous merchants who use children in ought to be in school.

the most terrible abject conditions.

The same is true of girls who are being sold or sent out of their communities, sometimes by a parent, to be the 21st century and we cannot allow it she's the one with the backbone.

edia and in society?

Q. What about the problem of street
A. Yes we are. We are very active in
Children? A. We think it is getting worse. There is disintegration of the community and of the family in places like Latin America, Kenya, India, the Philippines and elsewhere. There are

no easy solutions. The anchor of the

problem is poverty. It is very reflective

Q. The report contains some grim reading. Do you find yourself getting
A. Yes I do. Whether it is sexual or
overwhelmed by the problems?

A. There is extraordinary misery, but nothing creates such a sense of hope as working with children. Earlier this year! industries like rug-making when they ought to be in school.

Their little fingers are wonderful for this kind of work. But they are living in they had just had a cholera outbreak.

I went to this makeshift school and I wondered whether the kids had written anything in their books. I stopped a little girl and asked to see ber book. She prostitutes. It's terrible; it goes on. It opened it to an essay called "animals exists much too much as we approach with backbones." I thought, my God,

### **African Airlines: How Safe?**

### Pushing Bankrupt Fleets to Their Limits

By Howard W. French New York Times Service

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast -When Wolfgang Schmidt, a air transport problems are un-German journalist working in derstood: cash-strapped gov-West Africa, wanted to get from Cotonou, Benin, to Douala, Cameroon, earlier this month. he faced the kind of devilish choice that has become routine

opposite direction to Abidjan, and then wait three hours for a connecting flight on Air Afrique, the region's largest and best-reputed carrier. Or he could plow ahead later that The conservative Austrian evening on Cameroon Airlines.

year, but missed their declared any concerns be might have had ficial, over safety, Mr. Schmidt chose The conservatives appeared the latter route. But as his plane approached Douala airport, witnesses said, a fire appeared

> other people on board. planation. But the accident perts say individual countries

consider the world's worst- Africa, many standards are alserved region for air travel. Aviation experts say the un-

ernments are running nearly bankrupt airlines in an area where the idea of consumer rights has yet to be born. for travelers in this region. some experts say, this has meant that a tiny fleet is being pushed to the limit to cover the company's long routes. In situations like this, which are common-

> service at night for long flights to Europe.

place, African airplanes fly all

In pursuit of profits or, more often, in an effort to cut their losses. African aviation officials increasingly say corners

skimping on repairs. International guidelines exist There still is no official ex- for such things, but aviation exlowed to slip. Foreign regulatory bodies,

derpinnings of West Africa's like the Federal Aviation Adair transport problems are un- ministration and its European counterparts, can demand strict adherence to guidelines only from carriers that serve their "Some of the airlines are just

not maintaining their aircraft, said the Nigerian aviation minister, Nsikak Eduol, shocking many in the region by his candor. "I don't want to scare peo-ple, but I have to say this: Some of the aircraft these airlines are day, often only to be pushed into flying are not airworthy." He should know. Nigerian

aircraft - often second- or third-hand Boeings or the bar-bain-priced Soviet-end been involved in at least seven major accidents in little over a

year, killing scores. "Anyone who travels on this continent experiences the same fears, the same rattles, the same horrible airports and abysmal service, and God knows what else." said Hans Crackauer,

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#### PACIFIC: 'Building Block' of Security to Be Signed AUSTRIA: Rightists Fall Short Continued from Page 1

wan, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei over control of the Spratly Islands and surrounding areas that contain valuable reserves of oil, natural gas and fish.

ic growth, uncertainty about the future of East Asia has increased after the end of the Cold War and the rise of new regional powers, especially China.

Beijing's assertive actions this year over the Spratly Islands. Taiwan and Hong Kong have raised fears about its longterm intentions toward the region, despite repeated assurances from Chinese leaders that ing in this area." the country's continued economic development depends on a peaceful neighborhood.

Although Indonesia is not involved in the Spratlys dispute. official Chinese maps show that Beijing's loogstanding claims Indonesia Agreement on Main-

Continued from Page 1

attacks disrupted voting and

correspondents said they saw

Russian officals, however,

who closed well-guarded polling stations in Checknya

early, said turnout there was

The election commission

by 5:30 P.M. Moscow time.

More than 80 percent of sol-

diers had already voted, the

Itar-Tass press agency quoted Defense Ministry officials as

saying.
A hard-line victory would be

few Chechen voters.

around 70 percent.

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to sovereignty over a vast area of the South China Sea include a gas field off Indonesia's Natu
But Mr. Keating said that it character and who have rea gas field off Indonesia's Natuna Islands, which Jakarta is developing at a cost of about \$35

major defense exercise involving troops, warplanes and naval vessels was under way in waters around the Natunas on Fri-

It quoted Rear Admiral Widodo, head of the Indonesian Navy's Western Fleet, as saying that the exercise should convince investors not to "worry about security when invest-

The defense ministers of Indonesia and Australia and the heads of their armed forces were to attend the signing ceremony on Monday in Jakarta. The full text of the Australia-

RUSSIA: Voter Turnout Is Higher Than Expected

hostile legislatures. The pres-

ident appoints the prime min-

said he would consider changes

in the cabinet according to "the

arrangement of forces in the

Duma," but reforms would

body can force me to go back

from the chosen course of re-form," Mr. Yeltsin said. "It is

The Communist leader, Gen-

nadi Zyuganov, sounded con-

fident but conciliatory, saying

On Sunday, the president

ister and cabinet.

said the turnout was 37 percent continue. "No situation and no-

important mainly as a preview he wanted "to balance the sys-

inevitable."

billion with American and of adverse challenges to either Japanese energy companies. party or to their common se-Indonesia's official Antara curity interests and, if appro- his failure to win more votes on Social Democrats last October, direct flight to his destination. crews has just become intol- Tupolevs and Antonovs inews agency reported that a priate, consider measures "slogans of fear" that the So- did marginally better than last Placing convenience over erable," said a Cameroon of- creasingly seen here—have which might be taken by them individually or jointly and in accordance with the processes of each government.

He said the agreement applied "only to external challenges, not those that might arise from internal developments' in either nation.

Mr. Keating also said the agreement formalized an understanding between Jakarta and Canberra in August to hold annual meetings of their defense ministers, exchange intelligence, and increase joint military training, exercises, strategic consultations and vis-

government should resign.

Mr. Chernomyrdin said he

thought the high turnout would

hlocs. "The people of Russia

do oot want explosions and up-

In Soviet tradition, election

officials in some regions tried

to encourage voter turnout by

giving away prizes like food

Conventional wisdom has it

that Communist supporters,

mainly the elderly poor, vote no

matter what, so a high general

and kitchen appliances.

heavals," he said.

would oblige both countries to mained true to their beliefs de-"consult each other in the case spite the greatest opposition." After the election results bePeople's Party, who broke the one of the region's many small,
"The stress that we are came clear, Mr. Haider blamed nine-year-old coalition with the troubled national carriers, for a putting on our aircraft and cial Democrats had used against him. "We certainly cannot say

that this election was the fulfillment of our hopes, but there's no need to be overly dramatic," Mr. Haider said.

We are going to be the decisive opposition in Parliament, and we'll show greater strength in the years ahead."

The election was held nearly three years early, after the center-right Austrian People's Party, which has been in coalinon with the Social Democrats for most of the last 50 years, abruptly abandoned the coali-tion. The leader of the People's Party. Wolfgang Schüssel, gambled that the climate was right for him to finished ahead of Mr. Vranitzky and thus form a new rightist coalition, but his

months. The presidency is the Communist showing would gamble did not pay off. real power, and Mr. Yeltsin has demonstrate that Prime Minis-The Peoples party finished with 28.1 percent of the vote, almost exactly what it won last year. The results meant that a help reformist and centrist Party and Mr. Haider's Freedom Party was arithmetically possible, but Mr. Haider joined many other analysts in predicting that the long-standing twoparty coalition would be re-

A Swing to Stability

The swing behind the Social Democrats, who have governed for the last 25 years but suffered heavy losses in last year's elec-

stability of past decades to continue, The Associated Press re-

goal of becoming No. 1.

to add one seat for a total of 53. Projections showed Mr. Haider's party stagnant, losing to break out in one of the jet's are being dangerously cut, from 0.1 percent. With 22.1 percent engines. The Bneing 737 using two flight crew members of the popular vote, his party crashed into a swamp, killing in planes designed for three to of the popular vote, his party crashed into a swamp, killing remains the strongest right. Mr. Schmidt and 72 of the 78 wing party in Europe with 42 seats in Parliament.

Some 83 percent of more. than 5.7 million eligible voters took part in the ballot.

### MIDEAST: 'A New Game,' but Assad Still Holds the Cards to Peace

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thought it apt to recall a meeting Henry A. Kissinger had with President Assad 22 years earlier, when the former secretary of state was preparing the Geneva Conference

after the Yom Kippur War of 1973. As Mr. Kissinger told it in his memoirs, he showed Mr. Assad the letters of invitation he had prepared, and to his surprise the coalition between the People's Syrian leader approved the entire text, with no reservations. Mr. Kissinger was delighted - until the very end of the meeting, when Mr. Assad noted in passing that Syria had no intention of attending the conference.

Recalling that story, Hemi Shalev of the Maariv newspaper joined many other Ismelis in noting that "before we start announcing peace with Syria as an accomplished fact, we had better wait until Assad has said his final word."

Yet it is also a fact that the new Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, has been around even longer than Mr. Assad, and turnout would water down their trons, indicated that most Austhat he was the man most responsible for of presidential elections in six tem." He has said that a strong influence. (AP. AFP, Reuters) trians would fear a Haider ac-making peace with Yasser Arafat, the

Palestinian leader, something few Israelis lems can be worked out once the political

ever thought could happen.

A protogé of David Ben Gurion, the founder of the Israeli state, Mr. Peres, 73, has been at or near the center of Israeli declared unequivocally that a full Middle East settlement will be achieved by the end of this century.

"It's a new game, it's a new time, it's a new beginning," Mr. Peres declared at the press conference Saturday. If he's right, a "declaration of principles" between Israel and Syria could be ready already early next

The fact is that the outline of an Israeli-Syrian peace has never been a great mystery Syria wants to get back the Golan Heights and to receive an endorsement of its control over Lebanon. Israel wants air-tight security, normalization of relations and a comprehensive peace. There are many issues that would require considerable work, to be sure, most notably the sharing of water sources in the Golan. But as the Palestinian negotiations demonstrated, technical prob-

decision is made to strike a deal.

Yet the fact that the outlines of an agreement are relatively evident has not made reaching one any easier. On the contrary, it politics from the beginning, and he has has often made attempted negotiations into contests over "who should blink first"—who should be first to make a concession. Since a peace is really all he has to offer,

Mr. Assad has been more prone to make procedural questions into bargaining chips themselves. He has insisted in the past that Israel give a public assurance of its readiness to return the whole of the Golan Heights even before sitting down to talks. On his side, the late Yitzhak Rabin ruled

that ambassadors and military officers from the two sides must first resolve at curity matters before talks can begin on broader issues. The upshot was that the Syrians walked out of talks twice over the past year. One

reason was that Mr. Assad evidently did not

believe that Mr. Rabin was really intent on

making peace - nor that be could sell it to

### BOSNIA: West Moves Into the Wreckage of Tito's 'Brotherhood and Unity'

usually been able to circumvent ter Viktor S. Chernomyrdin's

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harred so deep that peace now mere-enshrined in the slogan "Brotherly means an interlude before a new hood and Unity" and enforced by war traps American and NATO the security apparatus of Marshal troops? Or can the presence of an Tito, the Communist dictator who occupying army help move the peo-ruled the country as president from ules of the former Yugoslavia toward re-embracing the relative tol- jevo — a graceful city nestled in the erance and civility that reigned mountains where Serbs, Croats and among ethnic groups for 45 years before the war?

The answer, as usual in the Balkans, is mixed. Its peoples — the war- minarets stood side by side. ring Serbs, Croats and Muslims of Bosnia as well as nearby Albanians, aring ethnically pure states out of the Macedonians and others — have different religions, languages and even Tito's post-Communist successors alphabets, and consider themselves different ethnic groups. For cen- bodan Milosevic, and later the Croaturies, they have lived together- tian president. Franjo Tudiman sometimes uneasily, usually in sowed their messages of ethnic ha-

1945 to 1980. The model was Sara-Muslims freely mixed and married and where Catholic church steeples. Orthodox onion domes and Muslim

Yet in pursuing their aims of crewreckage of the former Yugoslavia. - first the Serbian president, Slo-

generations, and to those passions, tian politician who was the last presthe current war has added a new layer of resentment and ill will, creation of Milosevic and Tudiman, Again, the symbol is Sarajevo now shattered by years of shelling mogeneous states from the leopard and segregated by ethnic group, its skin that was former Yugoslavia. mixed families and cosmopolitan elite long ago driven into exile.
The NATO troop deployment es-

peace plan could tip this balance either direction. It could determine almost intimate brutality." whether the Balkans will become the next century's version of the Arab-Israeli conflict after the partition of Palestine in 1948, or the model for peace, but always with some sense tred and nationalism on fertile post-Cold War world.

of separate identity. Tolerance was ground. Grievances and prejudices "This historical hatred is an ilstate policy in the old Yugoslavia, among the ethnic groups date back lusion," said Stipe Mesic, a Croaident of the old Yugoslavia. "It is a who wanted to forge ethnically ho-Once this policy stops, people will

start living together again. The last four years, however, have sentially hopes to re-create and en- added another legacy of violenceforce the stability last known under including rape camps, decapitations, Tito. But the carrying out of the mass executions and the torching of houses-that one war crimes lovesbetween hostility and tolerance in tigator described as "possessing an

So just as the unresolved legacy of elite. World War II helped fuel the post-Communist outbreak of war, this new toll of violence and suffering ethnic peacemaking in a fractious has created bitterness that could be used to fire future battles.

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#### FRANCE: Strike's Winners (Unions) and Losers (Juppé) Continued from Page 1

of Trade Unions, who criticized the

strikes as a throwback to class-warfare ritual. Instead, she has pressed for more consultations with unions. Her view is shared by the Socialist Party, which resisted the temptation to join the fray as it did during the strikes in May 1968.

But more pessimistic analysts cite the doubts, verging on outright rejection, among many French people about ideas symbolizing social modemization. A significant minority are rejecting calls for change from leaders who belong to a confident

Publicly, some of Mr. Juppé's allies have said that the government may have to extend its two-year timetable for economic and social

that there is no realistic alternative to political dealings.

the changes.
This pessimistic view concludes that the unions' success in thwarting Mr. Juppé has increased the likelihood of more such revolts. Although strikes by other public workers would lack the impact of the transit walkout, they could help top-

ple an economy that is already stum-Aiready, Mr. Juppé has to face calls from the main unions for fresh action, including more demonstrations Tuesday, to block his overall welfare reforms. The main thrust is union well represented in railroads coming from rail unions eager to

deflect charges of quitting once they secured their own privileges.

In their view, it will take more feeling technocrat who conspict-time before the public will realize ously lacks the human touch in his

He has also not recovered from public resentment about President Jacques Chirac's switch from campaign promises of prosperity to more

Nor did Mr. Chirac stop the Juppe government from taking on the railroad deficit at the same time as social security. The railroad issue was bound to cause conflict because the train system is the main remaining bastion of the Communist-led Gen-

eral Confederation of Labor. In addition, Workers' Force -- 2 and other state-owned enterprises was antagonized by the government's plan to take away its in-Mr. Juppe's biggest problem fluential role helping managing part seems to be his image as an un- of the nation's health plan.



**EUROPE** 

### Trains Roll In France, **But Union Sets Protest**

By Barry James

Mernational Herald Tribune

PARIS - France 'emerged slowly on Sunday from a threeweek wave of strikes that shook the government and forced Prime Minister Alain Juppé to freeze part of an ambitious plan to curb the state's mounting deficits.

The state railroad company, SNCF, said between 50 percent and 60 percent of normal train services were running in most regions of France.

In Paris, 11 of the 13 subway lines ran services ranging from scarce to virtually complete on Sunday. The regional express trains that link the capital with its suburbs were still mostly idled, and only about 20 percent of the city's buses were run-

ning.
But as more and more workers voted to end their action, the prospects were good for a full re-establishment of services in the week leading up to Christmas. This was good news for city stores, which have seen their business plunge as a result of the strikes.

However, the Communistaffiliated General Labor Confederation, or CGT, called for another day of protest Tuesday, and some union bosses warned that the labor unrest could continue after the Christmas and New Year holidays in an attempt to force Mr. Juppe to abandon his plan to reduce welfare spending and even to drive him from office.

The CGT and the rival Workers' Force, or FO, labor con-federation headed another day of protest Saturday, which they claimed brought 2 million workers onto the streets of Paris and other cities. The Interior Ministry said fewer than 600,000 demonstrated.

While backing away from his proposal to reorganize the deficit-ridden state railroad system and end special pension privileges for state workers.
Mr. Juppé has clung to the central plank of his program, the reform of the health insurance program through parliameotary control of spending and the in-troduction of a 0.5 perceot tax to pay off the program's deficit within 13 years.

This eoabled President Jacques Chirac to give a condent assurance at the European Union summit meeting in Madrid over the weekend that France would be on target to join the single European cur-rency in 1999. To meet the oght criteria for joining, France must reduce its state deficit from more than 5 percent to less than 3 percent of gross domestic product. Mr. Chirac recognized the skepticism and sometimes aggressive reaction against the currency reform, but said it was

vital to ensure social progress. Mr. Juppé will hold a "social summit" with union leaders on Thursday to discuss subjects such as youth unemployment and the reduction of working hours. One proposal was a ban on overtime payments, obliging workers to take time off rather

than money.

The organization represent-ing employers said it would not attend the meeting, however, arguing that the private sector should not be dragged into a dispute that has so far engaged only workers for the state. Commentators said the meeting could be crucial in enabling Mr. Juppé to survive as prime min-

Critics said Mr. Juppé had mishandled the crisis by introducing too many changes at once, with inadequate preparation and explanation. Mare Blondel, the FO's secretary-general, said that the prime minister's aloof, technocratic methods had engendered "hatred" among workers. But Mr. Blondel's handling of the strike has caused a split within his organization, and some observers predicted he could lose an election for the FO lead-

ership in February.

A poll published in Le Monde indicated that a slight majority of French people, 49 percent 10 47 percent, believe that Mr. Juppe should stick to his health reform plan. Another poll in the newspaper Le lour. poll in the newspaper Le Journal du Dimanche showed a slight increase in popularity for Mr. Juppé, to 28 percent, from 26 percent before the strike. Thirty percent of those responding said they were very or somewhat satisfied with Mr. Chirac compared to 27 percent

in November. Despite the almost total lack of public transportation in Paris for 24 days, an estimated threequarters of workers in the private sector managed to get to then jobs without missing a single day. The strike produced an explosion of hicycle riding in



PAPAL PECK - Pope John Paul II on a pastoral visit to a Roman church Sunday.

# Timetable for Expanding EU Is Hailed

By Tom Buerkle

ational Herald Tribune

MADRID — The European Union's decision to start membership negotiations with some Eastern European countries in 1998 should encourage eco-comic and political reform in the former Communist countries by offering them the clearest guarantee yet that their future lies in the West. EU officials said.

The decision by EU leaders meeting here over the weekend marked the bloc's first com-mitment to a timetable for enlargement to the East. It was hailed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany as a "break-through" that would encourage Eastern European countries to accelerate privatization and other moves to a free market to prepare themselves to compete in the EU single market.

'We're oow on a track that is irreversible," said Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister. But if the direction is clear, the

European Union remains deeply divided over the details of enlargement, and those divisions were likely to delay actual mem-bership for most Eastern countries until well beyond the year 2000, EU officials said.

An effort by Sweden and Denmark to ensure that the Baltic states would start negotiations at the same time as other Eastern countries was rebuffed by Mr. Kohl, who left no doubt that Germany wanted to give priority to its immediate neighbors - Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

'It has been made very clear that there will not be a package

### Chirac-Dini Feud Grows Hotter

MADRID - What started in November as a diplomatic spat between Paris and Rome over French nuclear testing turned into personal enmity and incomprehension between President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Lam-

In fact all 12 of the countries, which are seeking to enter the Union and do not need to irritate the bloc's second-largest power, ab- bad," she said.

stained in the UN vote. Mr. Chirac actually thanked the Eastern leaders for their "gesture of friendship and European solidarity."

Catherine Colonna, his spokeswoman. EU officials said the incident illustrated a deep personal dislike between the two men

ident Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Lamberto Dini at the European Union summit meeting here.

Mr. Dini told reporters that Mr. Chirac had personally upbraided the heads of 12 East European and Mediterranean governments at a meeting with EU leaders on Saturday for having opposed France's nuclear tests at the UN.

"I will never forget this," Mr. Dini quoted Mr. Chirac as saying.

The Italian leader got the quote right—but blew the context.

In fact all 12 of the countries, which are

leaders anyway.

"If President Chirac is at Mururoa, too
"TOM BUERKLE"

Prime Minister Wim Kok of illustrated that the Union was are already fulfilling the crie Netherlands, frustrated that progressing from vague teria, 'said the typically conpromises to increasingly confident Czech prime minister. the Netherlands, frustrated that the Dutch are the secondlargest per capita contributors to the EU budget after the Germans, made clear that he wanted to renegotiate that budget before the Union takes on the burden of Eastern Europe.

He won support from Prime Minister John Major of Britain, who warned that enlargement would cost an extra 38 billion European currency units (\$48 million) in development spending alone unless the Union rad-

ically changed its policies.
"They are astronomical sums, and they are sums which our citizens can't and won't ac-

cept," be said.

crete commitments toward Eastern Europe.

The commitment to a negotiating timetable, which came one day after EU leaders approved a plan to introduce a single currency in 1999, marked the bloc's most successful sum-

mit meeting in years.
"I had wanted the summit to give a strong message," said Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission. "It

Leaders of the Eastern countries welcomed the agreement when they met with EU leaders Saturday.

Vaclav Klaus,

How long membership negotiations might last, once the EU decides in December 1997 which countries are ready, is anyone's guess. The Eastern states hope talks can be com-pleted in just over a year, as was the case in Austria, Finland and Sweden.

But many EU officials cautioned that a better model was Spain and Portugal, which took more than six years to negotiate their entry because of their lower level of economic development,

'It will be more difficult this time because the differences in Still, EU officials said the "We are sure that we will be development are bigger," one budding fight over enlargement in the first group, because we senior commission official said.

#### BRIEFLYEUROPE

#### Splits Cited in German Party

BONN — Germany's new justice minister, Edzard Schmidt-Jorzig, warned Sunday that splits in his centrist Free Democrats were damaging the party at a time when it needed unity to ensure the survival of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's

#### Papandreou in Critical Condition

ATHENS — Greece's prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, on life-support systems for a month in the hospital, was in critical condition Sunday and waging a "titanic battle" against a new secondary infection that struck on Saturday. The hospital bulletin Sunday said doctors were still uncertain where the infection was coming from and were using a wide range of antibiotics to fight it. (Reuers)

#### González Calls End to Parliament

MADRID - Prime Minister Felipe González said over the weekende that Spain's Parliament would hold its final session on Dec. 28. Mr. González, battered by a series of scandals, has promised general elections in March but has yet to set a firm date. His mandate does not officially expire until June

#### **Britons Want a Vote on Currency**

LONDON — Most British voters oppose the idea of a single European currency and want a referendum on whether Britain should join, according to an opinion poll. But 50 percect believe Britain might ultimately have to sign up to avoid being left behind.

Seventy-five percent of those asked in the poll by the Sunday Times newspaper said they favored a referendum. Sixty percent said they were opposed. (Reuters)

#### Summit on Drugs Is Proposed

MADRID - France, Germany and the Netherlands have agreed to bold a meeting in the first quarter of next year to discuss ways to combat drug trafficking. President Jacques Chirac of France said over the weekend.

European Union events scheduled Monday: BRUSSELS: EU environment ministers meet; agriculture

MADRID: Signing ceremony of EU-Chilean declaration attended by Manuel Marin, the commissioner for Latin Amer-

PARIS: The commissioner for finances, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, addresses conference on EU single currency.

BRUSSELS: Marcelino Oreja, commissioner in charge of Treaty of Mastrichi reforms, presents the results of the Madrid European Council to the commission of the European

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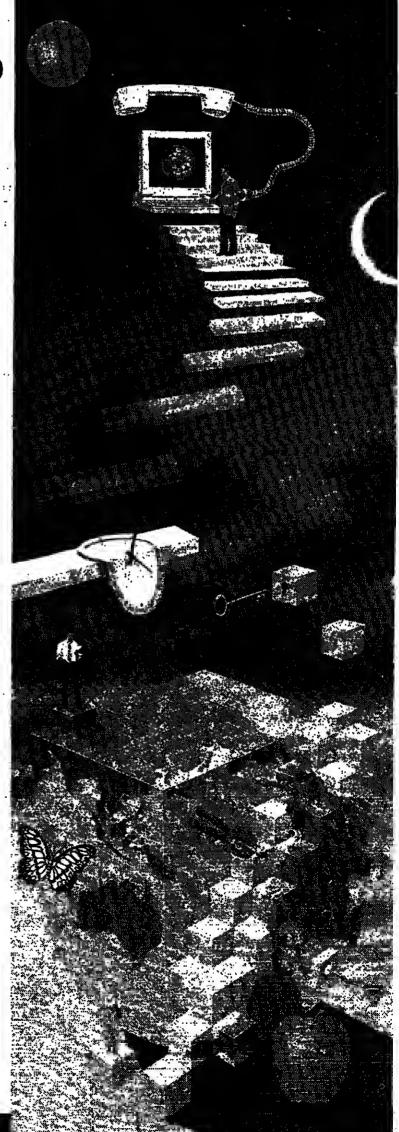
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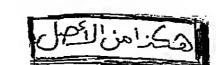
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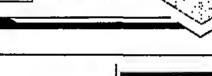
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### 3-Party Merger Is Urged in Japan

TOKYO - The three parties in Prime Minister Tomichi: Murayama's governing coalition may merge into a single new political entity that could dominate Japanese politics, a veteran politician said Sunday

"It is possible that the Liberal Democratic Party, the Social Democratic Party and the Sakigake party would become one party under a name such as the Liberal Socialist Party, 'said Shizuka Kamei, a former Liberal Democratic transportation. minister. "There are no longer major differences between the

#### Taipei to Take Delivery of F-16s

TAIPEI — Lockheed Martin plans to begin delivery of R-16 warplanes to Taiwan in July, the United Daily News. reported Sunday. The delivery of the jet fighters will help Taiwan keep pace with an arms buildup in China, the Taiwanese Defense Ministry has said.

Taiwan agreed in 1992 to buy 150 of the F-16s for about \$6

#### U.S. to Put Warships Near Koreas

SEOUL - A U.S. naval battle group led by the aircraft carrier Independence and two nuclear submarines will stay near the Korean Peninsula next mouth to deter any kind of provocations" by North Korea, a military report said Sun-

day.

The Independence will take part in a sea exercise in January near the peninsula, accompanied by submarines destroyers and support ships, the South Korean joint chiefs of staff said. (AFP)

#### Cambodian Prince Accepts Exile

PHNOM PENH - Prince Norodom Sirivudh, the halfbrother of King Norodom Sihanouk, has agreed to go into exile rather than face trial on charges linked to an alleged assassination plot against Cambodia's second prime minister,

Your faithful and humble servant accepts, totally, the farsighted solution," he said in a letter written from detention. King Sihanouk, in a response, thanked Prince Sirivudh for accepting his solution, which the king described as "the least bad for you." Both letters were made public by the palace on

#### For the Record

At least six people were killed and seven wounded Sunday in a rocker strike on Kabul, witnesses said: . . . (Reuters)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Ohn Gyaw, the foreign minister of Burina, on his country's preparations to join the Association of South East Asian Nations: "When we become a member, we do not want to be a sleeping partner. We would like to be very active. But without experience and without a foundation of economic infrastructure, one cannot do it. We have to liberalize our laws. We have to make arrangements for the expansion of our trade. There are many things, many considerations." (AFP)

Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister, about the security agreement with Indonesia that he was to sign on This is part of a process of putting together a series of building blocks in the common security interests of the



Hong Kong demonstrators on Sunday protesting China's sentencing of Wei Jingsheng.

### Wei Trial: An 'Ordinary' Case China Judge Calls 14-Year Term Lenient

BEIJING — Judge Wang Ming, who sentenced China's foremost dissident, Wei Jing-sheng, to 14 years in jail for subversion, called the trial "just an ordinary case" and said the punishment was le-

His comments were reported in an interview published by a was just an ordinary case, so we China-backed Hong Kong had the authority to decide the newspaper, Ta King Pao. Also interviewed were the other same court session." judge in the case, Wang The judge disputed Mr. Yisheng, and the prosecutor, Wei's argument that his eco-Wang Huajun. Mr. Wei's

Mr. Wei's sentencing Wednesday and the authorities' handling of the case drew widespread condemnation. But the three officials insisted China's legal procedures were followed to the letter. The chief judge said the trial was "fair" because Mr. Wei attacked the government in court. He said e magistrates allowed Mr. Wei to continue his defense despite two objections from the

The Chinese officials also Wei for 20 months before he portunity?" was formally charged because

under house arrest during police investigation. However, observers said Mr. Wei was in police custody, not at home, after police picked him up in April 1994.

The chief judge said there was oothing unusual about the swift sentencing because "this sentence and announce it at the

nomic and cultural activities such as his allegedly illegal art presence. Police videotaped exhibits and efforts to start a bank — were separate from his political cause.

"Rather, all these activities were to serve his purpose of ment," the judge said. overthrowing the

He cited a letter Mr. Wei wrote to a friend, Liu Qing, in which the dissident observed: "A single bean sprout can be nipped by a finger, but a tray of bean sprouts can support a morsaid it was legal to imprison Mr. strength and wait for an op-

The newspaper report quoted

there is no limitation on being the officials as saying foreign reporters were not given passes to attend the open trial because hy the time the requests reached the judges the passes had all been distributed.

In Hong Kong, hundreds of protesters marched Sunday demanding Mr. Wei's release.

Rally organizers said there were around 1,800 marchers, but police put the number at 800. The march finished at the Hong Kong branch of the Xinhua news agency, the de facto Chinese embassy here. There was a heavy police

proceedings, witnesses said. Leaders of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Democratic and Patriotic Movement in China, organizers of the rally, planned to hand in a

protest letter at the agency. Protesters carried hig pictures of Mr. Wei and banners er," bearing slogans including, Talat Hussain.
"Today It's Mr. Wei, Tomorrow It's You or Me."
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Mr. Wei's imprisonment has takes back Hong Kong on July 1, 1997. (AP, AFP) nuclear program, to put similar pressure on India.

### Pakistan Sees Nuclear Threat Test by India Would Force a Response

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan --Pakistan might be forced across the nuclear threshold if India for a nuclear test, Pakistani commentators said Sunday.

'Should India have its second nuclear test, we will deoptions in light of the height- ry out a ouclear test would in- signs it. ened threat to our national security," said Mushahid Hussain, spokesman for the opposition Pakistan Muslim

League party.
"This is a test case for the West, particularly the United States, since they talk so much on nuclear nonproliferation," he said. "As Pakistanis and Muslims, we feel their concern is selective. Pakistan is targeted, while known nuclear powers like Israel and India are exempt-

ed from American pressure."
India exploded a ouclear device in 1974, but like Pakistan denies having nuclear weapons. U.S. officials say both countries could swiftly assemble atomic bombs.

Pakistan's official response to a New York Times report that India could be preparing for its second nuclear test has been muted.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that such a test would set back ocoproliferation efforts and "jeopardize peace and stability in the region." He said it would also have "grave implications" for efforts to achieve a comprehensive test ban treaty.

India has dismissed the newspaper report as "highly speculative," but has oot denied it outright.

A commentary in the En-glish-language daily The News said an Indian ouclear test would create a security peril for Pakistan that it could meet only by carrying out a similar test.

"It will force Pakistan to leave the long-held line of being a screw's turn away from being a declared nuclear powwrote a columnist, Syed

The Karachi-based Dawn newspaper urged the Uoited States, which imposed sanctar. Why then don't we pool our heightened fears that China will tions on Pakistan in 1990 beact against opponents once it cause of suspicions about its

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### War's Children

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The Children's Fund counts 149 major wars from 1945 to 1992. These conflicts, whether between or within nations, have had a particularly devastating effect on childreo. In the last decade, child victims of war include 2 million killed, 4 to 5 million disabled. 12 million left homeless. 10 million psychologically traumatized, and more than a million orphaned or separated from their parents. Children are often conscripted for combat at a young age, and are forced to commit atrocities or witness brutalities visited upon their families and communities. They are maimed by land mines or starved because food supplies have been cut off by sanctions. Girls are often at risk of sexual assault.

The report asks nations around the

Children are even more at risk from diseases like measles and pneumonia. In 1990, the industrialized nations made a special pledge to make dramatic improvements in the lives of children in developing countries. Since that pledge, child mortality rates have dropped by half. Yet millions still die of preventable

The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have set aside \$484 million for international child survival programs. These funds should not be sacrificed to

### Guiding Bosnia's Peace

Paris last week not only provides for an international peacekeeping force to oversee the military aspects of the Dayton accord. It also provides for civilian monitoring of the accord's political provisions. These govern such critically important issues as the investigation of war crimes, election arrangements, refugee relief and resettlement, and the distribution of \$6 hillion of international reconstruction aid. The nations sponsoring the agreement have handed the execution of these political provisions to Carl Bildt to supervise. He is a former Swedish prime minister who has served since June as the European Union's diplomatic mediator in the Balkans.

Mr. Bildt starts his new joh burdened with a reputation for accepting Bosnian Serb claims of good behavior at face value and overlooking evidence of atrocities against civilians. He mainly acquired that reputation when Bosnian Serb forces overran Srebrenica in July. He announced a deal allowing Red Cross access to the male civilians the Serbs said they were holding prisoner. But the Serbs had deceived him. The Red Cross visits never took place, and thousands of the prisoners were killed.

Mr. Bildt wields more diplomatic leverage, with hillions of dollars in aid money under his direct control, 60,000 NATO troops reinforcing international authority in Bosnia and automatic United Nations sanctions available against any

ebratory 50th anniversary year, one of its world to commit themselves to an antimember agencies offers a sobering report war agenda and to keep children out of the on the state of the world's children. The line of fire. That agenda includes a minimum military recruitment age of 18, an spite great progress, many children live a international law banning the production and use of land mines, and the creation of zones of peace that would enable children to receive medical treatment and food supplies even in the midst of conflict.

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side that fails to cooperate in the war crimes investigations. He needs in use that leverage to make sure that the Srebrenica massacre and other atrocities like it do oot go unpunished. He can do so hy insisting that the International Trihunal be given full access to all the information, sites and individuals it needs to carry out its work.

He also must ensure that free elections take place on schedule, with convicted war criminals barred from office; that millions of refugees can either return home or receive fair compensation; and that international aid is used for its intended purposes. Most of all, he must help the peoples of Bosnia infuse reality into the paper structures of regional and central government sketched out by negotiators at Dayton.

Mr. Bildt, who still serves as Sweden's opposition leader and oourishes political amhitions back home, has surprisingly suggested that he intends to divide his calendar between Swedeo and the Balkans. Bosnia is not a part-time joh. If he cannot understand that, someone else

Critics of the Bosnia peace agreement have reasonably noted that 60,000 troops with strictly limited goals and a 12-mooth withdrawal target cannot assure a lasting peace. The political side of the peace agreement is not their business. It is the husiness of Carl Bildt, and the world will be watching closely to see if he handles it with the fairness and vigor required.

# Lo and Behold, Land Mines Aren't Boring After All WASHINGTON - It seems that The State of the St

WASHINGTON — It seems that Bosnia is about to give Americans a refresher course in the hideous uses of land mines. The news tells of Bosniabound American peacekeepers preparing apprehensively to cope with the vast minefields seeded by Yugoslavs in their civil wars. In Vietnam, a third of American combat losses were attributed to mines. Further such casualties are now expected in Bosnia.

In recent years, the dangers that these devices pose to life and limb were experienced mostly in Third World countries. Hence the emphasis in press and public discussion on the pathetic innocent civilian victims and on the grim fact that the toll mounts even after the guns fall silent, because the mines are still out there buried, lurking, waiting for a careless foot. This remains the principal concern.

But now the first American ground soldiers in Bosnia will be exposed to a weapon that has killed up to 20 or more peacekeepers there from other countries and wounded up to 200, or more, since 1992.

In the Gulf war oot much was made of U.S. mine casualties (20 percent), probably because overall casualties were low and the American side won the war. More was made of the usefulness of American mines for the intended purpose of "chanBy Stephen S. Rosenfeld

nelizing" Iraqi forces in the desert although the generals differ on whether the United States actually gained any operational advantage from this tactic.

Now it is U.S. forces that are to be 'channelized" and otherwise constrained in their mobility on a potential battlefield by mines. The Pentagon's traditional rationale for mines — to threaten the adversary's soldiers and protect one's own is being stood on its head. These lowtech weapons, left over from an earlier stage of the conflict and never intended for use against Americans, will now to some degree offset America's high-tech edge.

It is one thing to bold that in some situations mines can help save American lives and therefore it is right for the United States to keep them legitimate and available for use on its terms. It is another thing to realize that in other situations --- as now in Bosnia — mines are going to inflict some level of cost on American soldiers. This is a good question for the Pentagon.

American soldiers always have an option if the costs lonk too heavy — to get om or not to go in in the first place. Given the profligate use and the reported con-

ferent Yugoslav factions, shunning the field might be seen as a defensible or even a desirable course. But there are costs of another sort for American foreign policy if it gets around that American intervention forces don't do mines.

The locals, of course, do not normally have the "American" choice of abandoning or avoiding mined fields, which are their country, their farms, their homes. Nor do the locals have the de-mining capability — primitive and inadequate as it still is — that the rich American government can provide. Nor do they have the medical and other resources to care for the victims.

The current "obsession" with mines in Bosnia will pass, not unfortunately without loss and pain. But the more I think about mines, the more unforgivable it seems that poor countries in their total civil wars employ these devilish devices to inflict permanent misery upon their fellow citizens and also upon the land.

It is easier to understand a direct handson atrocity than this delayed, indiscriminate continuing murder and maining of individuals and poisoning of paths and fields. This particular global epidemic needs to be lifted out of the spectrum of routine 20th century horrors and given the profile that would energize people to do

lobby is at work. It includes the American government which formally advocates elimination of mines but in daily practice barely rises above the common bureaucratic tendency

to exploit the sometime military value of these weapons and to skip the broader issues raised by their production, stockpiling, transfer and use. The beavy thinkers on defense and strategy find the issue uninteresting. It is

left to individual stalwarts like Senator Patrick Leahy, to "peace" groups and to the likes of the Swedes to agitate for what amounts to token international regulation, which comes slowly. Arms control of nuclear weapons took

20 or 30 years. Land mines will probably require a similar multilevel effort that may take another 20 or 30 years.

Here is a thought to contemplate over the decades in which this scourge will still be with us. Moscow and Washington threatened each other with nuclear arms but never actually used them as weapons of war. But every day, mines kill and wound schoolboys and farmers and civilians on the road and deprive them of their land, and every day more mines are produced and carefully laid to blow up the future.

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### Getting Together to Ban the Use of Blinding Laser Weapons

GENEVA — On Dec. 7, the 135 states antending the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva unanimously urged universal adherence to an instrument intended to save many thousands from the permanent loss of eyesight. The instrument is the new fourth protocol banning blinding laser weapons that was adopted in Vienna on Oct. 13 at the first review conference of the 1980 Convection on Cer-

tain Conventional Weapons. The adoption of the protocol was a landmark event, but it seems largely to have been obscured in the media by the fact that the Vienna conference was unable to conclude its work to strengthen the prohibitions and restrictions of the second prosbould be found who can. tocol to the convention, which deals with the use of land mines. The work on land mines, how-

ever, will be continued at meetings in January and April. What makes the prohibition of blinding laser weapons so particularly welcome is that it signals a new willingness of states By Johan Molander

m use humanitarian law m pre-empt an unwanted development countries involved in research empt an unwanted development rather than react belatedly to horrors that have already occurred.

Thus it was the haunting experiences at Ypres in World War I that led to demands for a chemical weapons ban. And work on the 1980 Conventional Weapons Convention was largely trig-gered by public outrage at the pictures in the press of civilian victims of napalm in Vietnam. The ongoing revision of the land mines protocol is a reaction to the global land mine catastrophe.

It was with a view to preventing new horrors that the governments of Sweden and Switzerland introduced a proposal at the International Conference of the Red Cross in 1986 and the UN General Assembly in 1987 to ban hlinding laser weapons. Research and development of lightweight battlefield laser weapons capable of instantly hlinding adversaries for life

had already begun. Sweden's proposal received a proliferation was evident.

were unwilling to accept interference in this matter, and because for the majority of countries the idea of battlefield laser weapons sounded like science fiction.

Despite the lack of response, Sweden continued to push for a ban. The International Committee of the Red Cross decided to make its own inquiry into the potential dangers of these weapons. The results convinced it to launch its own campaign. Like Sweden, the ICRC argued as a matter of principle that it is excessively cruel to intentionally hlind a person for life.

On the technical side, expert information confirmed that the weapon, if mass produced, would cost no more than a normal rifle, that it would be easy to target the victims given the breadth, silence and invisibility of the beam, and that hundress would be instantaneous, with no cure possible. The potential for

The Plot of This Mexican Thriller Is Simpler Than May Appear

be an obvious case for a ban, it was extremely difficult in make state officials take this matter seriously. One problem was that the majority needed to be convinced that the weapon already existed. As is happens, there was strong evidence that at least two systems, capable of hlinding adversaries at a considerable distance, were on the point of commercial manufacture this year. A more fundamental issue is

the excessively cruel nature of

deliberate hlinding. These days the importance of otecting civilians from indiscriminate weapons is recognized. But the idea that soldiers should be protected from particularly nasty weapons is frequently met with skepticism.

Yet international humanitarian law has a rule to this effect that dates back centuries. The prohibitions of poison, exploding and dum-dum bullets and chemical weapons were based on this rule.

Despite what would seem to particularly cruel weapons is to outlaw them. That way, both soldiers and civilians are protected. The opportunity to prohibit

blinding laser weapons came with the Review Conference of the 1980 Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. It is a major historical event. For the first time since 1868, when exploding bullets were prohibited the moment they were invented, a weapon has been banned before its horror is experienced.

The ban on blinding laser weapons seems to have had an immediate effect. On the very day that discussions on the wording of the new protocol were concluded, the Pentagon canceled a laser weapon system.

Deliberate blinding has been

recognized for what it is — a barbaric and unacceptable way of waging war.

The writer, a Swedish diplomat and president of the Review Conference of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, con-There can be no doubt that the tributed this comment to the most effective way to regulate International Herald Tribune.

#### **Helms Gives Ground**

After a long deadlock, Senator Jesse other hand, would be a mistake. The Helms has freed his captives. Two major USIA certainly speaks for the United arms control treaties are to be allowed to States but it ought not be, or be seen as, come to votes, and the nominations of 18 the instrument of day-to-day diplomatic ambassadors, some of them held up since maneuvering.

last spring, have been confirmed. That Toward the end of Senator Helms's ends an embarrassing delay in American representation in a long list of countries with which the United States has pressing business, above all China. In return, the senator, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has extracted a substantial price from the Clinton administration.

His original purpose was to force the administration to abolish the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development and the U.S. Information Agency. He has not succeeded in that, but he settled for a cut in the foreign affairs hudget large enough that it will probably result in folding at least one of those independent agencies into the State Department.

The likeliest candidate is probably the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. It was established as an independent operation by President John Kennedy, fulfilling a campaign promise to give greater force and focus to the government's work on arms control. But it is already very much an integral part of American diplomacy. Putting the U.S. Information Agency in the State Department, on the

game, other senators of both parties were beginning to lose patience with the delays. To increase the pressure toward an agreement, Senator Jeff Bingaman began a filibuster briefly blocking the constitutional amendment oo desecration of the flag demonstrating that the minority could similarly take hostages, if pushed too far. In return for the budget cut, Senator

Helms has agreed to proceed with the START-2 treaty to reduce nuclear arms in the United States and the former Soviet Union. Ratification by the United States is a matter of some urgency, since political changes in Russia are likely to make ratification there increasingly difficult. The senator has similarly promised to let the Chemical Weapons Convention out of his dungeon and allow his

committee to vote on it by April 30. Meanwhile, the administration is left with a foreign affairs budget shrinking even faster than it had previously planned. It will apparently take Congress a few years to see that the end of the Cold War is not necessarily going to make diplomacy cheaper.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

The Choice Is Jobs or Riots

If the youth of Brixton had steady jobs, incomes and careers, and some prospect of independent adulthood, they would not have been rampaging through the streets last week. They may drift in and out of temporary jobs, perhaps even attempt a training scheme, but to most of them the prospect of a career and a secure income must seem as remote as a flight to the dark side of the moon. So what do they do all day? There is a limit to hicycling around,

month in, month out, lonking for work, suffering constant rejection. Far easier to hang around the streets, impressing your mates, winning respect for your skill at rohbery, your boldness in smashing shop windows, your willingness to confront the police. Breaking the law is fun; rioting, an extreme form of so doing, is bigger fun. Most of the jobs available to young people in poor areas are not much fun at all. As long as unemployment is a feature of our economic system, nots will not go away.

- Independent on Sunday (London).

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#### By Thomas L. Friedman

MEXICO CITY—O.K., after a few days here I think I've got it all straight now. brother of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is accused of conspiring to kill José Francisco Ruiz Massieu, former secretary-general of the ruling PRI party, who was once married to Carlos and Raúl Salinas's sister, Adriana, who is being investigated for setting up dummy companies

to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in government loans. Meanwhile, Mario Ruiz Mas-

WASHINGTON — With Bill Clinton enjoying, you

might say, a renaissance, it's

time again for touch football.

toadying and group empathy. The Starbucks meritocracy will

soon head down to Hilton Head

for Renaissance Weekend, that

earnest festival of public policy and personal vulnerability.

rather hilariously threatened to

expel anyone caught using Re-naissance friendships for "po-

litical purposes." the retreat's most famous guest, Bill Clinton,

On New Year's Day in '94, Mr. Clinton asked Eugene Lud-

wig, the nation's top bank reg-ulator and an old friend from

Yale and Oxford, for advice on

the Whitewater morass. After

checking with deputy White House counsel Joel Klein — as

yuppie chance would have it, also

at Renaissance that weekend -

Mr. Ludwig determined the ob-

vious: It would be wrong for one

regulator to give the president advice while other regulators

were scruttraizing the Clintons'

same weekend, the president al-

so asked James Hamilton, a fel-

low Yale Law School grad who

represents Vincent Foster's fam-

ily, for "ideas on management

of the Whitewater and trooper

matters," as Mr. Hamilton put it

the White House was forced to

release to the Senate Whitewa-

ter committee last week, Mr.

Hamilton offered Mr. Clinton a

Richard Nixon without lonking

like Richard Nixon.

in the astonishing letter that

in a letter dated Jan. 5, 1994.

Now we learn that, on the

dealings with a corrupt S&L.

has ignored that stricture.

While the organizers have

Salinas's involvement in the his yacht --- has led investigators Raúl Salinas de Gortari, the killing of José Francisco, Mario's to the Canary Islands to interview brother and Raul's brother-in-law. Raul's wife, Paulina Castañon, was just detained in Geneva after using false documents to withdraw \$84 million from a Swiss bank, prompting Carlos Salinas to send faxes from a secret hiding place declaring that he is shocked that his brother and sister-in-law are being accused of what is gently called 'inexplicable enrichment.

On top of it all, Rafil's mistress, sieu, former deputy attorney general, fled the country after police suspected him of covering up Ratil much clothing on, in the prow of

Panel Ideas for Renaissance Folks

By Maureen Dowd

Like Hillary Rodham Clinton

and Bernard Nussbaum, Mr.

Hamilton worked in the '70s on

a congressional committee in-

vestigating Watergate. All three received a first-class, inadver-tent education in the art of the

cover-up. Instead of simply urg-ing the president to keep his

promise to he open about White-

water and avoid a messy show-

down with Congress, Mr. Ham-

ilton proposed several ideas

significant matters, must be carefully managed."

say as little and produce as few documents as possible to the press." And it "should not for-

get that attorney-client and ex-

ecutive privileges are legitimate doctrines ... Bernie initially act-

ed properly in protecting the contents of Vince's files."

Reno should stick to her guns in

not appointing an independent counsel for Whitewater.

"If politically possible, Janet

• "Because you will continue

to receive reporter questions

about these matters ... I expect

that 'no further comment' Often

the splendid obsequiousness

that infuses the Renaissance

spirit: "Kristina and I hugely

enjoyed the opportunity to visit

and recreate with you and Hillary in Hilton Head. The

football game was stupendous

rest of America knew you as the

Renaissance family does and

Mr. Hamilton signed off with

will suffice."

Hamilton offered Mr. Clinton a fun; the 'scrum play' was the two-page strategy on acting like call of the day. I only wish the

· "The White House should

· "Investigations, like other

with 5 o'clock shadow:

a friend of hers, who claims that she was present when Raill told a witch doctor in Mexico that he was involved in the 1994 assassination of the presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio.

Whew! What's going on here? Actually, it is a remarkable transition. Mexico's version of the fall of the Berlin Wall, only in slow motion. After 66 years of one-party rule by a corrupt oli-garchy that lived above the law

and whose greed knew no "It was a way of life here bounds, Mexico, under President is what we are changing."

had heard your moving remarks

on Saturday night."
Of course, it's hard for Amer-

ica to know the president that

well, with Mr. Hamilton urging

severely limited access. (Even

the Nixon crowd did not stoop to

asserting that questionable dis-

cussions are protected by lawyer-client privilege.) In the great Renaissance net-working tradition, Mr. Hamil-

ton's football fawning worked. He was just appointed to the president's Foreign Intelligence

With the campaign and Al-

fonse D'Amato in full swing, Mr. Clinton will need all the free

advice he can get. So the Re-naissance folks should forgo the

usual panel discussions -"Mistakes, Their Lessons and

Consequences," "Building an

Inner Life" and "Conversa-

tions With Some Challenging

Women" --- and have a cover-

How about these panels?

"Beyond Nixon: How to Make

Even an Innocent Person Look

Guilty," with Mr. Nussbaum,

Mr. Hamilton, White House

counsel Jack Quinn and Oliver

Files," with Webb (the base-

ment) Hubbell, Margaret (White House closet) Williams

Challenged Women About

Damage Control," with Kimba Wood, Zoe Baird and Lani

And "Protecting Your Inner

Self From the Public Sphere," with Bill Clinton, Marianne

Williamson and Chuck Colson.

The New York Times.

Guinier

and Fawn (underwear) Hall.

"Conl Places to Hide Hot

"Conversations With Some

Advisory Board.

up theme weekend.

based on the rule of law.

ancien régime is suddenly exposed to the scrutiny and daylight of the emerging new order. It will take many more steps to consolidate the rulo of law here, but it had to begin with this ruthless exposure and prosecution of the

former untouchables. 'Operating above the law was not only at the highest levels," said Antonio Lozano Gracia, Mexico's first independent attorney general. "It was a way of life here, and that

This is not gonna be pretty. Political dinosaurs and a new breed of drug lords, who fear the rule of law, are fighting back.
But President Zedillo marches

on. A U.S. official once described him as "naive and nuts in the best sense of the terms." He is Don Quixote with a Ph.D. in economics from Yale. When I met him last March, he was in his office listening to the "1g12 Overture."

Don't underestimate this guy. In his first year he has reformed the judicial system, revamped Social Security, given Congress a real role in deciding the country's fate and transformed the old corrupt election process into a legitimate system in which his own ruling PRI party sometimes loses. He has done all this while drastically reforming the economy, with cut-backs that have shrunk every

Emesto Zedillo, is now moving Many politicians, here are toward a democratic system telling the president to soften his reforms and cut a deal with the The sordid Salinas saga is what remnants of the old order so they won't obstruct him. Mr. Zedillo stubbornly refuses. He is betting that if the promised economic turnaround emerges next year, he will have all the popular backing he needs to complete the transition to democracy.

This is a dangerous moment. Mr. Zedillo is hovering alone between an old order he has not fully destroyed and a new order he has not fully institutionalized or popularized. Says the Mexican nov-

elist Carlos Fuentes: Zedillo is hidden in his office with his calculator. He has to get out and build support with the people. But his aides say, 'We will save Mexico with numbers, not with politics."

I hope they're right. But don't worry. This drama is only unfolding in a country on America's doorstep, with the world's 11thlargest population, 13th-largest economy and 100 million people, half of whom will want to come north if things go bad.

The New York Times.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Monroe Doctrine

PARIS -- After reviewing the dispute with Great Britain concerning the Venezuelan boundaries and the application of the Monroe doctrine thereto, President Cleveland says that the dispute has now reached a stage making it incum-bent to the United States to take measures to determine what is the true divisional line. He suggests that a commission be appointed to investigate and make a report. When such a report is made, it will be the duty of the United States to resist as a wilful aggression upon its right and in-terests, the appropriation by Great Britain of any territory which after investigation we have determined belongs to Venezuela," he says.

#### 1920: Order to Deport

WASHINGTON — Ludwig Martens, self-styled "ambas-sador" of the Soviets, has been ordered to be deported from the

United States. The Secretary of Labor, in the deportation order, states that Martens is a foreigner belonging to an organisation which aims at the overthrow of the government of the United States. The execution of the order may be delayed while the "ambassador" settles his affairs here.

#### 1945: Prince Takes Life TOKYO - Prince Furnimaro

Konoye, three times Premier of

Japan, committed suicide by poison yesterday [Dec. 16] at his lavish home, to escape trial as a war criminal. The Prince left a written statement in which he accepted responsibility for the China conflict, but which said he had nothing to do with the prejudes to the Pearl Harbor attack. The suicide was regarded in Tokyo as a powerful blow to the presuge and position of Emperor Hirohito and may have profound repercussions in the imperial household as well as in political circles.

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By Shery WuDu TOKYO A PECETION TOKYO A recession of the prototype fast brees become the government barother the government barother the government barother the government barother countries have an energy.

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#### INTERNATIONAL

### **Arafat Declares Candidacy for Palestinian Post**

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM Three days after Israeli forces pulled out of Nablus, Yasser Arafat paid his first visit in 28 years to the West Bank's largest city last week and declared his candidacy for Palestinian president from the roof of an abandoned military post.

receive self-rule by the end of the month dacy official. -Jenin, Tulkarm and Nablus already and Qalqilya, Ramallah and Bethlehem in coming days — and promised that "liberation" was coming for Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — Israeli

and international news orga-

37-year-old Tel Aviv man,

shows the confessed assassin,

Yigal Amir, shooting Mr. Ra-

broadcast rights were con-

ducted by lawyers for the anonymous cameraman. The

asking price reportedly ranged between \$100,000

and three times that amount.

week, and the video was

shown to the commission in-

vestigating the security

breakdown that led to Mr.

'The commercializing of radio.

Rabin's death.

The existence of the videotape was revealed only last

Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Videotape on Market

Shows Rabin Killing

nizations negotiated Sunday Broadcast Authority, which for the rights to broadcast an runs the state-owned Chan-

amateur videotape of the as- nel One television. "But the

sassination of former Prime archival value of this material

finister Yitzhak Rabin. for the coming years and Is-The videotape, filmed by a raeli history is very high."
7-year-old Tel Aviv man, Mr. Kirshenbaum said that

bin at point-blank range as he and a foreign news organi-

left a Tel Aviv peace rally on zation in order to meet the

The negotiations for the competing group organized roadcast rights were con-

said Mordechai Kirshen

baum, the director of Israel

Channel One had joined

forces with an Israeli daily

sum demanded. A similar

Journalists and the lawyers

who viewed the footage said

the cameraman had focused

on Mr. Amir appearing to hide

behind a potted plant with his hands behind his back.

tape sees that the man is sus-

picious," Yoram Samuel, the

attorney who represents the

cameraman, said on Israeli

"Anyone who sees the

rival, Channel Two.

step, building the Palestinian indepen-Sovereignty over Arab-dominated East polls. Jerusalem, conquered by Israel from Jordan in 1967, is a Palestinian demand

in continuing talks with Israel. Mr. Arafat has long made clear that he regarded as despised occupiers. planned to run for president of the Pales-Shouting into a microphone atop the former Israeli headquarters, Mr. Arafat 20. He chose Nablus, a center of Palesrecited the list of six Arab cities to tinian nationalism, to make his candi-

> From liberated Nablus, I say to you: Will you permit me to nominate myself?" Mr. Arafat asked. Thousands of Palestinians roared a joyous approval.
>
> The timing designed by Mr. Arafat

dent state with its capital, ooble Washington on Sept. 28, could not be Jerusalem," Mr. Arafat said more favorable to Mr. Arafat at the Hamas.

> His election campaign coincides with scenes of celebration as Israeli forces withdraw from cities where they were No potential opponent reaches double

tinian Council that will he formed Jan. digits in opinion polls, and Mr. Arafat's election is regarded as certain. The 83seat council will have executive and

The longtime chairman of the Palesruled the Gaza Strip and Jericho for 17 months, expressed his solidarity with Palestinian prisoners still held in Israeli

"We promise to continue, step by and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of jails, singling out Sheikh Ahmed p, building the Palestinian indepen- Israel, in the accord they signed in Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement, known as

> There are increasing signs that Mr. Arafat has succeeded in splitting Hamas. Hamas once opposed any compromise with Israel or any participation in self-rule, but its local leadership now sees less appeal in estranging itself from

the Palestinian state in the making.

Many Hamas leaders appear likely to take part, directly or indirectly, in the Jan. 20 ballot. One senior leader in Gaza, Emad Falouji, has announced his tine Liberation Organization, who has candidacy for the legislature and accepted a position from Mr. Arafat as director of his efforts at "national rec-



Students praying in Bir Zeit before a rally on the eighth anniversary of the intifada.

## Seoul Tries to Defuse Crisis as Roh Goes on Trial

The Associated Press SEOUL - Roh Tae Woo, the disgraced former president, goes on trial Monday as South Korea struggles to minimize the

Mr. Roh faces corruption charges for taking bribes for a \$650 million slush fund that he established during his 1988-93 term. If convicted, he can be sentenced to 10 years to life in

Mr. Roh's immediate predecessor, Chun Doo Hwan, also is governments to replace him. in jail for masterminding a 1979 coup. The prosecution has until

Islamic Group

In Algeria Kills

2 of Its Leaders

The two former army generals are the ex-presidents to impact of major political scan-dals involving past military governments.

Mr. Roli faces corruption

face criminal charges for mis-deeds in office. A third former president, Choi Kyn Hah, is be-ing asked to testify in connection with the 1979 coup.

In a move to defuse a political crisis touched off by the scandals, President Kim Young Sam dismissed his prime minister Friday and named an academic with no ties to previous

Lee Soo Sung, president of of President Kim's preparations

Mr. Rob claims that the monreversed a promise not i
state-run Seoul National Unifor parliamentary elections in ey came from donations, which

Mr. Lee's appointment is subject to parliamentary approval, expected by Tuesday at the latest. Presidential officials said a major shuffle of the 24member cabinet and presiden-candidates in April.

Candidates in April.

Mr. Rob will stand trial with early in the week.

and involve key posts.

The shake-up is seen as part business circles.

arty suffered a major setback in local elections last June.

14 aides and businessmen. who's who of South

jor government projects.

Court officials said security

will be tight for his trial. About most daily to demand stern pun-

he perceives as political retaliation. He says President Kim Mr. Roh claims that the mon-reversed a promise not to punish

### Southeast Asia's Becalmed 'Boat People' 40,000 Linger in Camps Despite International Pact

New York Times Service

PARIS — Two top leaders of Algeria's Islamic movement were executed by militants in the movement a month ago, according to the official Algerian press service, APS.

The death of Mohammed Saeed and Abdrrezak Redjam by firing squad after a trial conducted by the Armed Islamic Group had been reported earlier in the week by two under-ground Islamic publications. Their deaths signaled severe

dissension within the Islamic movement that was once united around the goal of bringing down the Algerian government.

The two men had been dissociating themselves from extreme acts of violence by the Armed Islamic Group, which two years ago initiated a wave

of killings against civilians.

Mr. Saced and Mr. Redjam served as senior aides to Abbasi Madani, the jailed leader of the Islamic Salvation Party. After parliamentary elections were canceled by the government in 1992 and the party was out-lawed. Mr. Saced briefly led the opposition until he went under underground along with Mr.

By Keith B. Richburg

HONG KONG - Some 40,000 Victpression of the 1980s, still languish in crowded camps here in Hoog Kong and

scattered around Southeast Asia. An international agreement was sup-posed to have all the regional camps cleared and the refugees back home by this year, but repatriation efforts appear to

have largely stalled.

Jahanshah Assadi, the Hong Kong representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said another international meeting was scheduled for January, 10 come up with yet another deadline and search for new solutions.

China has repeatedly warned that it wants all the Vietnamese refugees — some 20,000, or half the regional total - out of this colony before Beijing assumes sovereignty here on July 1, 1997.

Hong Kong officials continue to insist that the camps here will be cleared, but the settlement in the United States. mid-1997 deadline now looks increasingly precarious. This year, Mr. Assadi said, only about 1,600 Vienamese voluntarily returned home, a huge drop from the 5,600 who volunteered to be repatriated in 1994.

flight about every six weeks.
"We've got eighteen months to go" before China takes over Hong Kong, said namese refugees, "boat people" who Peter Barnes, a lawyer who assists fled economic hardship and political re-refugees in the camps. "At the present rate, you're not going to clear half of these

people out of here by 1997." Hoping to revive the stalled repatriation program, the Clinton administration

'At the present rate, you're

not going to clear half of these people out of here by

Hong Kong has its own deadline, since has embarked on a series of discussions with Hanoi about a new program that would persuade the Vietnamese to return under UN protection to Ho Chi Minh City, where American immigration officials would interview them and screen out those who might be eligible for re-

Western diplomats said that the talks were not going well, mainly because the Vietnamese side was balking at taking back all the refugees.

"I think they're suspicious," a Western

hundred or so, with a new deportation. They may be holding up the international community for more money."

Even if the U.S. plan is approved

refugee officials here say, many of the Vietnamese in the camps may still refuse to budge, since the idea is that all the refugees would return to Ho Chi Minh City before they were interviewed by U.S. immigra-

It is also unclear exactly how many might qualify for resettlement if they are rescreened. The Hong Kong government says none, since all the refugees were already screened, and were given the right to appeal, and the UN refugee agen-cy conducted its own separate inter-

Bin rights lawyers working with the refugees say the initial interviews were sty and flawed.

About half the refugees in Hong Kong are from the Northern half of Vietnam, oot from the U.S.-backed South, and would be far less likely to have any valid claim of fearing persecution back home.

"The Northerners, I don't think, are under any illusions," Mr. Barnes said. But among the Southerners, he said, those with legitimate grounds to fear persecution "potentially includes all of them."

Elsewhere in the region, patience continues to wear thin with the refugees. Malaysia, for example, is said to be plan-And this year, the Hong Kong government diplomat said. "They're concerned about has forcibly deported an additional eight getting people they consider subversive. its camps of about 5,000 Vietnamese.

### Mishap in Fast-Breeder Reactor Stirs Nuclear Debate in Japan

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - A recent accident at Japan's prototype fast-breeder nuclear reactor is rekindling a fierce debate over whether the government should continue pursuing an energy technology that other countries have abandoned.

No one was hurt in the Dec. 8 accident, in which two to three tons of sodium leaked from the reactor's secondary cooling system, and no radioac-Stive materials were discharged.

But critics of the government's policy say the accident reflects shoddy con-cialists have called for an independent struction and poor safety standards. Cit-commission to investigate it and report

have said that the accident at the coastal rayama. Monju reactor might have been more threatening than the government had

"The incident is a grave one," said Tokunosuke Nakajima, a professor of nuclear chemistry at Chuo University. 'and I cannot wholeheartedly trust an investigation that is conducted by the operators of Monju.'

So far, only the Power Reactor & Nuclear Fuel Development Corp., or Donen, which manages the reactor, is investigating, Greenpeace Japan and spe-

A company spokesman, who dewould be shut for at least six months. Other experts say the reactor, which essentially began operating this summer, could be closed for two years.

Supporters of the program say that since no radioactive material was released, the accident was not serious. But the incident has raised fears in the local community and among citizens groups that bureaucratic interests may end up promoting a dangerous energy technology without enough regard for safety. Critics emphasize that, unlike most

izens groups and some specialists also directly to Prime Minister Tomiichi Mu- nuclear reactors around the world, the the more lethal element plutonium. clined to be identified, said the reactor Plans for such breeder reactors, once supported by many experts, have been

> Japan says it has developed secure methods to prevent any diversion. But Saburo Watanabe, an architect who lives in the region of the reactor and represents a private citizens group, said: "At a time when the world is withdrawing from the breeder reactor business, Japan is not in a position to say that it is well prepared technologically to pursue it. I think the government will eventually have to shut down the reactor."

> Monju reactor does not use uranium, but dropped by most countries.

> > before Buchenwald's libera-

LANGUAGE

### Sticks and Stones, and Obscenity

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — "Yesterday, the House erupted into partisan shouting," a despicable person," "a fellow; person," wrote Adam Clymer last month in the Sunday "a thing" and "an undertaking that is dif-week in Review section of The New York ficult," and adds: "The Standard English Times, "after Representative John L. Mica sense 'sodomite' is no longer commonly unsaid of Clinton and his shifting views on budget balancing, 'We're here to nail the little

bugger down.' "
The Florida Republican was ruled out of order for his choice of a word, and was permitted to resume speaking only after the House voted to let him; then he apologized.

Certainly the word was disrespectful. But in the newspaper account written the same day by Clymer, the offending word had been edited out, although other terms of disrespect - like twerp or nerd — probably would not have been. Evidently there was some concern on the news desk about obscenity, which was resolved a short time later.

Broadcast journalists had the same feeling about using the word. On CNN, Larry King asked Bill Plante of CBS, "Representative John Mica today called Clinton a 'little bugger' — what do you make of that?" Plane said: "There's something wrong with that word, and you don't want to get into it on this broadcast, I think, but in England it means something very specific and not very nice.'
King swerved off the subject.

Is bugger fit to print, or to use in polite company or on the air? This space is the place we face up to these decisions.

"What a cheeky bugger," wrote The Daily not be imposed on language. Telegraph in Britain about a sports photographer, Dennis Taylor, last month. At the same time, The Bangor Daily News in Maine reported on a costly attempt to stop beavers from damming a small town's culverts, quoting Candy Roy, the town manager: "I think they're wimning. You can clear them out, but they're persistent little buggers." The International Herald Tribune ran a piece by Washington Post correspondent Steve Vogel quoting a Himalayan guide as seeming "well suited to solo travel, having been described as a 'grumpy bugger' by a colleague."

None of these usages is obscene. ("None are" would be obscene to purists.) The Oxford

English Dictionary Supplement categorizes the word as "coarse slang," but not a vulgarism; the Random House Historical Dic-

derstood in the U.S.' In the same way, the slang verb bugger off means only "beat it," or "get out of here," or their extension, "don't give me that sauff." James Joyce used the term in that imperative departure sense in his novel "Ulysses": 'Here bugger off, Harry. There's the cops!' This is predominantly a British usage, as is bugger-all, meaning "nothing."

As a verb, however, to bugger is now, and has been since its coinage from a 1555 noun, plainly obscene. It means "to engage in anal copulation." No ifs or ands. A second sense of the verb is not obscene, with its past par-ticiple meaning "cursed, damned," as in "I'll be buggered." A third sense, ofteo combined with up, means 'confused, discom-bobulate.' This is as acceptable as screw up, which followed the same metaphoric trail from verbal obscenity. (You can say all screwed up on American television or all buggered up on British television without raising eyebrows.) It would help if the oom bugger were applied only to small objects. and the slang term for "sodomite" were limited to buggerer, but such orderliness can-

Both noun and verb could be attacked on grounds of ethnic slur: the French bougre comes from Bulgarian, a name for a sect considered heretic in the 11th century, to whom various abominations were ascribed. The good citizens of modern Bulgaria have a right to complain, but life is unfair.

To come to the point, it was disrespectful to call the president a "little bugger," or even a big bugger or a canny bugger, but it was not intended to be, or widely taken to be, obscene: a family newspaper or broadcaster was proper to report the noun as spoken. Just be careful about using it as a verb.

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#### **BOOKS**

ALL RIVERS RUN TO THE SEA: Memoirs

By Elie Wiesel, 432 pages, \$30. Alfred A. Knopf. Reviewed by

Michiko Kakutani 'N "All Rivers Run to the Friday to indict him for military replaced Lee Hong Repair that he swapped money for many under past governments. But prosecutors say the death penalty.

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oblivion and to reject death," ory and the uses to which it may erated Paris, where he would or rather must — be put have been the subject of all of listen to lectures by Sartre and Wiesel's 30-odd books. For Buber. Wiesel, a survivor of two Nazi concentration camps, memory is a tool for insuring that the Holocaust will never be forgotten, a means of stopping 'the dead from dying' and speaking "to those who were

Writing, in turn, is a way of turning memory into words and connecting the present to the past; it is also a way to make a protest to God, to ask how God could have remained silent in the face of so much suffering. Because the Holocaust defies

both reason and imagination, because Wiesel believes that it is impossible to communicate the experience to those who did not survive it themselves, there is a dialectical conflict in his work between the need to testify and the futility of all explanation, a tension not unlike that expressed by his friend Samuel Beckett, who ended one of his novels with the words: "You must go on, I can't go on, I'll go on."

In Wiesel's own novels, this tension, combined with his didactic impulse to make philosophical points, can result in highly schematic and someheavy-handed storytelling. In confiction like "All however, it results in forceful and impassioned narratives that possess the subterranean power of a parable, narratives that open out into a commentary on the world, even as they relate the particulars of Wiesel's own life.

Certainly portions of "All Rivers" — the first of a projected two-volume autobiography - will be familiar to readers of Wiesel's earlier books, most notably "Night" (1960), his devastating account of his experiences in Auschwitz and Buchenwald, Once again, we are told the harrowing story of how Wiesel's family was placed on a cattle car, how he was separated from his mother and sisters, and how he watched his father fall ill and die shortly

But while "Night" confined itself narrowly to these horrible events, "All Rivers" situates them in a broader context. Wiesel gives us a portrait of his family's life in the small Ro-

talk-show host in Paris is reading "Divided Lives: The Public and Private Struggles of Three Accomplished Women" by His Welsh.

• Genie Godula, Fun Radio

"It profiles three women who are struggling with home life, careers and their own identity. It is possible to have a balanced life, but you can't really think that you're having it all." (Kristin Hohenadel, IHT)



manian village of Sighet in the cupied man whom Wiesel Carpathians before the arrival of rarely saw or talked to before ments of existence, to rescue the Nazis, delineating this com- they were thrown together in Mr. Chun, 64, who was pres- lost beings, to cast harsh light munity's daily rituals and rou- Auschwitz and came to depend Local media, quoting various charged with helping him essources, said the expected tablish the slush fund. The intinued a hunger strike Sunday

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> ployed such a wide-angle lens of how an entire community the mundane business of work and study and play gave way to unimaginable horror.

to wonder at the strange trajectory of Wiesel's own life, which took a painfully shy boy from an isolated village, sent him to hell and back as a witness, and eventually thrust him on a world stage, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Writing with a new richness

of emotional detail, Wiesel creates a touching portrait in these pages of his relationship with his father, a saintly but preoc- staff of The New York Times.

dominated by prayer and study and contemplation.

As he points our in this vol-ume, Wiesel realized he had a Because Wiesel has em-duty to testify to what he had seen in the camps and to speak in these pages, we finish "All for the survivors. Survivors, he Rivers" with a profound sense writes, "have been subjected to countless analyses, dissected, was brutally erased by the Nazis exhibited, and made 'prewithout warning, how abruptly sentable' for theological, scientific, political and commercial puposes. Treated like nimaginable horror. objects, they have been insult-At the same time, we are left ed, belittled, and betrayed. To resist this tide survivors - and they are becoming ever fewer - have only words, poor, ineffectual words, with which to defend the dead. So some of us weave these words into tales, stories and pleas for memory and decency. It is all we can do. for the living, and for the dead.

Michiko Kakutani is on the

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

A student can always read a book or take lessons from an club winners and subsequently expert. An excellent compromise is to study the lessoo notes that an expert uses to teach his own students. One famous teacher, Eddie Kanter, publishes his. His third series, which is on 13 areas, is available from him by sending \$25 to P.O. Box Venice, California, 90294.

shows the absolute importance of thinking the second that the dummy appears. South reached three no-trump by taking an old-fashioned route. A more modern player might reach the same contract after opening two

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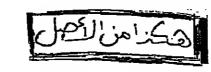
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only entry to dummy, and so it must be used later. Therefore, South must win the first trick in his hand, then he must cash the lead a low diamond. Thus forcing an entry to dummy, where he will make at least nine tricks: four clubs, three diamonds and a trick in each of the major

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43 Venezuela	64/4	12/18/07	50.5000	
46 Brazil par ZI	41.4	04/15/24	50.6500	8.3900
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112 Fujitsu	314	12/13/00	84.5000	
114 Brozi \$.71	674	04/15/24	60.0000	11.3500
115 Mexico per B	614	12/31/19	61.3750	
124 Argentina L	674	03/31/23	62,7500	
129 Venezuela par B			54.1250	
130 World Bank	634	07/21/05		6.2000
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144 Ecuador par	3	02/28/25	35.1250	8.5400
146 Mexico A	4.7656	12/31/19	68.3750	9.8900
148 Brozii S.L.	54	04/15/09	58.6250	
151 Canada	634	07/21/05		6.2500
156 Argentina	874	12/20/03	79.8750	
161 Mexico B	4.7656		68.3750	9.8900
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# Fundamentals Strong for Bonds in '96

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS—It would be too much to expect bond markets next year to repeat this year's record performance, but portfolio managers and advisers are still upbear about the concern. He says rallies have already caroutlook. As Heinz W. Fesser, head of fixed-ried "long-term yields in most markets to investment subsidiary in Frankfurt, says,

subdued inflation and continuing governthe future benefit will be felt at the shortment efforts everywhere outside Japan to end of the market rather than at the long reduce budget deficits.

Tamed inflation has been a major factor with a maximum life of five years. fueling this year's rally, and John the needed confirmation that inflation will rally. In his view, there is a powerful further rally waiting to happen as "real" interest rates — what is left after subtracting for inflation — subside to their long-term his-inflation," Mr. Smith notes,

man government debt around 4 percent. But portfolio managers, looking at the Both Spain and Italy rank high as mar-sbort-term horizon of the next three kets that could outperform on the basis of U.S. unit were to break out convincingly.

all bond markets "have lots of anticipa-tions already huilt in," says Mr. Fesser.

Gordon Johns, a manager for Kemper Financial Services in London, shares that income strategy at Deutsche Bank AG's levels that already discount further reductions in official short-term interest rates."

These include the prospect for only moderate growth in the major economies, subdued inflation and continuing governend." He advises concentrating on paper

Portfolio managers, including Daniel Liewellyn at Lehman Brothers in London sees the reduction in government deficits as and Michael Smith at Morgan Stanley Asset Management io London, see more value remain low to sustain the next leg of the investing in European bonds and under-

Equally important, the potential for price appreciation is greater, as the managers antorical average of around 2 percent.

At current yield levels, the real rate of interest on 10-year U.S. government bonds is around 3.75 percent and on 10-year Ger-

months, are rather cautious about expected market developments. Prices in virtually yields currently are 388 basis points, or 3.88 percentage points, above German levels. In early 1994, the spread was close to 200 basis points. The current spread of Italian bonds is 372 basis points over the benchmark level, compared to the 1994

low of 294 basis points. While the current spreads are already well below their peak levels, portfolio managers see the potential for further compression - provided, of course, that both countries manage their political and economic problems in a convincing manner. Jan Loeys at J. P. Morgan in London sees the spread on Spanish paper possibly down to 350 basis points over the next month.

As for the hard core of European holdings, the managers are comfortable with German bonds but prefer higher yielding substitutes. For Mr. Fesser, that means Ireland, Denmark and Belgium. For Mr. Johns, it is France, Portugal and Ireland.

They are more divided on currencies. Mr. Smith, "marginally bullish" on the dollar, would hedge a U.S. investor's holdings of European bonds into the dollar. Hedging non-dollar clients "would depend on how icipate that returns in the higher yielding European markets will converge closer to German levels, the Continental beachmark.

Both Series at Managers annon-dollar chemis would depend how much risk the client wants to assume," he earned the says. Mr. Fesser is still underweight the dollar, at only 25 percent of his portfolio, but

# Waiting for a Rate Cut and a Budget

NEW YORK — The board market is bound for a volatile week in the face of two of investors' long-term fixations: Will there be a 11.5 Indicate accordance with the face of two operations will not be disrupted because given the favorable outlook on the econtral bank operates indicate the central bank operates in the central bank operates indicate the central bank oper there be a U.S. budget accord and a Federal Reserve Board rate cut?

A rate cut still appears to be an uncertainty, and most traders think it will take dently of the executive branch of the govnegotiators until next year to come up with a deficit-reduction deal.

President Bill Clinton and Republican

leaders blamed each other oo Saturday for the second government shutdown in two mooths, and they showed no sign of re-suming talks aimed at balancing the budget

As a result, government reports on hous-ing starts, foreign trade, jobless claims and

#### U.S. CREDIT MARKETS

Committee meeting will be held on Tues-

day as scheduled. Bill Feezer, co-head of government tradmg at Sanwa Securities, agreed that once a

budget deal and a rate cut have been achieved, some investors probably will be willing to liquidate positions. But he said that even if the good news

omy and prices.
"We have a very positive inflation backdrop and the economic risk is clearly on the side of a weaker environment rather than -

stronger," Mr. Feezer said. Bond yields hovered near a two-year That means the Federal Open Market low last week on expectations for the Fed to lower rates. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond yield closed Friday at 6.10 per-cent, up from 6.05 percent a week ago.

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Traders also are expected to be cautious this week because the FOMC meeting will

be followed by the Treasury's note auc-tions Wednesday and Thursday. (AP. Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

## Junk Bonds as Risk Management? Well,

By Virginia Munger Kahn New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Junk bonds can seem risky even in the best of times. With the economy of times. With the economy This makes them less likely slowing and junk bond defaults to move in tandem with interest on the rise, now may seem a time of particular risk.

grade -- hence the name junk -lios. Recent figures compiled by Oppenheimer Management indicate that junk bonds have done to their portfolios. a good job of balancing risk and

heavy debt or other financial 500 index and 11.17 percent for after the market collapsed. strains, junk bonds carry a high-long-term Treasury bonds. Despite the prospect of er yield to compensate investors for the risk that the issuer will not be able to repay its debt.

rates than higher-quality bonds. But because junk bonds rise and But bonds whose credit qual-ity puts them below investment they behave quite a bit like a company's stock. For that reathese hybrid investments fit in-

Perhaps even more important, junk bonds showed less volatility than either stocks or longon the standard deviation, or the range of prices, for the various investments each month.

By these benchmarks, junk

bonds have provided 86 percent of the returns of the S&P 500 can be useful in many portfo- son, investors often have trou- stocks with just 60 percent of ble figuring where and how the risk over the past 15 years. The risk, however, is not to

be ignored. Through Novem- to cash flow, called the coverage As Oppenheimer noted, for ber, the default rate on junk ratio, is 2.5 on new issues, com-

Despite the prospect of di-

minishing returns, portfolio managers remain fairly positive about the market. Net inflows to junk bonds have already reached \$6.9 billion this year, running behind only the record totals of \$8.6 billion in 1993 and \$9.6 billion in 1986, according to the Investment Company Institute, a mutual-fund trade group in Washington.

Credit quality also is higher.
The proportion of debt payments

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Issuer	Amount (andlian)	Mat	Coup %	Price	end week	Terms
Floating Rate N	lotes	-				
Banque Indosuez	\$700	1998	1/8	100		Over 3-month Libor. Nancalloble. Fees 0.15%. Denominations \$10,000. [Citibank Int'l.]
SBAB	DM 200	1998	0.65	100		Over 3-month Libor, Noncollable. Fees 0.08%, Denominations 100,000 marks, (Lehmar Brothers Ini'L)
Apigoz	FF 720	2017	1/4	99.51		Over 3-month Pibor. Average life 6.4 years. Fees 0.30%, Denominations 100,000 francs (Crédit Commercial de France.)
BBY-MB51	SP 14,700	2010	0.225	100		Over 3-month Libor. Average life 4.5 years. Also 300 million pesetas paying 0.40 over Libor. Fees 0.225%. Denominations 25 million pesetas, (Worgan Stanley Int'l.)
European Community	ECU 115	2005	0.04	100	_	Below 6-month Libor. Sinking fund to start in 2001. Fees not disclosed. Denominations 180,000 Ecus. (Banque Portbos Capital Markets.)
Fixed-Coupons						
Compbell Soup	\$200	1999	51/2	101,002	99.12	Reoffered at 99.827. Noncaliable. Fees 196%. Payable in Jan. (J.P.Morgan Securities.)
LG Semicon	\$100	2000	676	99.68		Noncoliable, Fees 0.25%, Denominations \$10,000. (Namura Int'l.)
United Parcel Service	\$200	1999	51/2	101,124	100.10	
Argentino	DM 258	2002	101/2	1011/4	99.50	Reoffered at 99%. Nancallable. Funcible with outstanding Issue, raising total amount to L25 billion marks. Fees 24%. (CSFB Effectenbank.)
Dresdner Finance	DM 500	2001	51/4	101.40	100.12	Noncellable, Fees 2%, Payable In Jun, (Dresdner Bank.)
Suedwest LB Copital Markets	DM 250	2000	5V4	101.57	100.75	Reoffered at 100.22. Noncollable. Fees 2%. Payable in Jan. (Union Bank of Switzerland.)
Crédit Local de France	FF 5,000	1999	5%	100.48	79.30	Reaffered at 99.49, Noncollable. Fees 176%. Payable in Jan. (Colsse des Dépâts et Consignations.)
EXE Pinance	FF 1,000	2002	6.90	99.90		Noncollable, Fees 9.39%, Payable in Jan. (J.P. Morgan Securities.)
Abbey National Treasury Services	ITL75,000	1998	11	1021/1	100.70	
BNG	DF 1,900	2006	67/8	707.915	100,70	
Colombia	Y 15,000	2000	3	100		Semigrapully, Noncollable, Fees 0.80%. (Merrill Lynch Int'L)
Export-Import Bank of Kores	Y 12,000	2005	4.1g	100	_	interest will be poid in Australian dallars. Nancallable private placement. Fees not disclosed. (Dalwa Securities.)
Equity-Linked						
Kuraray	\$200	1999	2%	100		Noncollable. Each \$5,000 note with one warrant, exercisable into company's shares of 1,067 year per share and at 102.16 year per dollar. Fees 214%. (Dalwa Europe.)
Shibusawa Warehouse	3700	1999	2%	100	_	Noncollable. Each \$10,000 nate with two warrants, exercisable into company's shares at 615 year per share and at 102,50 year per dollar, LYamajchi (ntr.)
Robobank Nadericani	DF 200	2006	41/4	102		Noncallable. Convertible of maturity at a 20% premium. Fees 2%, Payable in Jan. (Robe-

#### Last Week's Markets

All Figures are	os er che	se of free	ling Friday			
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ひ」ひだし	271.9	778.63	+1.53%	Prime rate	174	- 47
OJ Trans.	203142	24/124	-142%	Federal funds rate	94	55
5 & P 100	570.57		+0.70%	Japan	3.6	-
5 & P 500	618.34		-015%			
SAPInd	774.35		-125%	Discount	C.50	0.5
NYSE Co			-0t1 %	Call money	0.35	0.0
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FTSE 100	74.710	743000	+ 0.15 %	Germany		
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Hong Kong				Bank base rate	6/2	474
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#### CYBERSCAPE

### Stock Gains Come To Those Who Wait

By Reed Abelson New York Times Service

EW YORK - Now that Internet stocks such as Netscape Communications Corp. have taken off into the stratosphere, it might seem that the big shots who got in early have made the instant fortunes, leaving small investors in the dust.

Odds are, however, it is not too late to invest in the Internet, and it might even be far too early.

When the automobile busi-

ness was born a century ago, investors had a choice of himdreds of manufacturers. But as David L. Lewis, a professor of business history at the University of Michigan, points out, for every auto company that be-

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Week anding December 15.

It's not too late for small investors to pick big winners.

every auto company that became a giant, "there were a couple of hundred that did not make it,
and people lost a substantial amount of money." While you might
have bought stock in General Motors, you could just as easily have
picked the United States Motor Corp., which failed in 1911.

With the Internet in its infancy, you would have to be clairvoyant
to pick the GM of cyberstocks — but many are tempted to try.

"I wish I could have gotten Netscape when it was lower,"
sighed Suzanne Bell of Houston, who, like most small investors,
could not get the shares at their initial price of \$28 in August
Leery of paying two or three times that price in the first few days

Leery of paying two or three times that price in the first few days of trading, Ms. Bell passed up the stock, only to watch it rise to a high of \$174 before slipping back recently to \$130.50.

Forester Research estimates that the overall Internet market will explode from about \$300 million today to \$10 billion by the

will explode from about \$300 million today to \$10 billion by the year 2000. While investors may no longer be able to benefit from the gravity-defying run-ups of the first crop of new Internet issues, there will be plenty of chances to get in, analysts say.

"The central fear people have is they we missed out," said Roger B. McNamee of Integral Capital Partners, a Palo Alto, California, venture capital company. But as the Internet develops, he said, investors will be in a much better position to choose the issues that have the highest odds of paying off. If investors discount the current hype and wait for the inevitable shakeout, they will probably get another chance to buy many of today's hot stocks at lower prices.

He added that the growth of the marker would bring the

He added that the growth of the marker would bring the development of new ways to invest in Internet companies. Op-tions, for example, do not yet exist for Neiscape and other hot stocks, making concentrated bers difficult. "It's just coming off the runway here," said Bryon R. Wieir, an investment strategist

### Corporate America's Teen Spirit **Advertisers Target Younger and More Savvy Shoppers**

By Anthony Faiola Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A saleswoman approaches, and Beth Krizek, 16, turns to her friends with a grin that says waich and

At a cosmetics counter, the high school junior studies a tube of lipstick as the sales woman begins to suggest other complementary products.

But Beth, a veteran of such product pitches, remains a study in cool resistance. She demands free samples of the lipstick and a skin cream, but buys nothing. "1'll try them out," she quips, escaping with her samples, "and let you know what I think."

A tough sell. That's Beth Krizek, a teenager whose astute buying instincts and ability to see past sales pitches illustrate an important evolution in consumerism among today's youth. Teenagers are becoming increasingly savvy consumers at ever younger ager. With Beth's generation making up the

British

Petroleum PLC said Sunday it was "very close" to conclud-

ing a \$3.5 billion natural gas agreement with Algeria's state-

owned oil company, Sonatrach, after two years of talks.

BP, which signed a prelim-inary pact in 1993, has agreed to

a production and marketing ar-

rangement that would tap huge

advertisers to change, too. A critical challenge facing advertisers

is capturing teenagers' attendon. Like the latest generation of a computer chip. teenagers are processing information at greater speeds, and corporate America is discovering that slowing them down long enough to pitch a product requires far greater entertainment in ads, quicker messages and greater tactility, along with more graphic content. Why? Because this generation was weaned on fast-paced images through electronic games and music videos that became more spectacular,

more graphically enhanced every year. "It's when you do capture their attention that you have to be even more careful," said Peter Zollo, co-founder of Teenage Research Corp. "If you approach them in an insincere way, they'll see right through it. These kids are oobody's fools."

Today's teenagers are shrewder, more price-oriented shoppers than their parents most economically powerful group of or older brothers and sisters, marketing

BP Says Algerian Gas Pact 'Very Close'

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teenagers since the baby boomers came of analysts say. Lifestyle shifts, such as the age, it is an evolution that is forcing U.S. rise in single-family households and dual-career families, have forced U.S. teenagers to take greater responsibilities in making purchasing decisions.

But this market savvy is also a byproduct of greater exposure to advertising — the targets for which have become ever

younger.

Collectively, teenagers buy almost \$100 billion a year in apparel, athletic footwear, electronic entertainment, music, fast food and more. One study showed that 50 percent of teenagers spent an average of 2.7 hours a week at a mall, though often they

are just hanging out and oot shopping.
Still, in many product categories, teenagers outspend older consumers.
They spend 9 percent more oo soft drinks than the average consumer, and huy one of every four compact disks and prerecorded music cassettes sold.

Teenagers' purchasing power will only bloom. Over the next two decades, Census Bureau data indicate teenagers will become the biggest force in U.S. consumerism since the boomers.

Lottery Probe in Britain

national lottery regulator, Peter

Business News reported.

(Bloomberg, Reuters) have denied the allegations.

## **Enron Refuses** More Changes to **Indian Project**

BOMBAY — Enroo Corp. said Sunday it would oot make more changes to its Indian power project after an influential politician made its revival cooditional on further cost cuts.

Bal Thackeray, leader of the Shiv Sena party that heads the coalitioo government in Maharashtra state, said Saturday the U.S. company must cut its tar-iffs by a further 5 percent if the government is to lift its cancellation of the project.

"The only proposal we're willing to coosider is the one with the government," said Diane Bazelides, a spokeswoman for Enron. She said the Houston-based company remained hopeful the project would pro-

Shiv Sena and its ruling Hindu oationalist partner, the Bharatiya Janata Party, scrapped the 2,015 megawatt project on the state's west coast in August, saying its original \$2.8 hillion cost was too expensive and its tariffs too high.

A government committee is recommending it revive the project, which would be the Britain's Public Accounts Committee is questioning the higgest foreign investment in India, after Enroo agreed in Davis, about his ties with GTech recegotiations last month to Corp., a U.S. company that bolds lower its tariff to 1.89 rupees (5 22.5 percent of the British lottery

cents) per kilowatt from 2.40. Mr. Thackeray said Saturday operator Camelot, Bloomberg he wanted it cut to 1.80 rupees. The development comes less Although he holds oo formal than a week after Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Group government post, he calls him-PLC, accused GTech of trying to bribe him to drop his bid for self its "remote cootrol" and was instrumental in the govthe lottery. GTech and Camelot emment's decisioo to renego-

Enron also agreed to cut the ecucost of the generator by aboulcers \$300 million and to transfer nefit further \$450 million of expenditure to a separate project.

The government had said i would decide whether to revived to the project by Dec. 10. An to spokesman for Chief Ministerhut-Manohar Joshi said the cabines rewould resume discussions or the matter Tuesday.

The passing of the Dec. 1(tisan deadline automatically revived a Enron's arbitration proceed from ings against the government. Ins to is seeking more than \$300 million in damages if the projectator does not proceed.

Mr. Thackeray was quoted asy of saying that if Enron proceeded cedwith arbitration, the project that would be scrapped. (Bloomberg, Reuters) said

#### ■ Privatization Delays

India's multibillion dollars too telephone privatization pro-ome gram, snagged in court and Par-hat's liameot, risks being delayed until after general elections due by ome mid-1996, industry executives said Sunday, Reuters reported from New Delhi.

"The privatization of basic services has slowed down. There is uncertainty in the whole process," an executive of Hughes Ispat, a joint venture ed, linking General Motors Corp.'s Hughes unit and Nippon Denro ith Group of India.

The Supreme Court on Fri-be day ordered the government oot, to award licenses, a pause in athe plan to end the mooopoly overthe basic telephone services.

#### man, said Sunday the company was "very close to signing an gas reserves in southern Algeria for export to Spain and Italy by agreement with Sonatrach for 2002, according to sources fawork in the Sahara desert." He miliar with the deal. An agreedeclined further comment. ment could be signed within the The agreement covers a bar-

For Tie Manufacturers,

### Holiday Season Means Annual Battle of Sexes

By James Hansen Special to the Herold Tribum

MILAN - If you are an adult male, you are probably going to get a tie for Christmas. Around the world, from Japan to Europe to North America, about a third of all men's ties are sold in the month of December each year.

Odds are, a woman will give it to you. Roughly 40 percent of all men's ties are purchased by women, and the tie industry believes that 55 percent to 60 percent of all neckwear purchasing decisions are made by women

 whoever is paying.
 Unfortunately, there is a good chance she will pick out. something you do oot like. The other thing the industry be-lieves is that, of ties purchased for men by women, more than a third are worn exactly once. 'We call those 'drawer

ties," "said Luciano Donatelli, managing director of Orsini, the tie-making subsidiary of Italy's Zegna textiles group. "They are worn just once, to show the gift is appreciated, before disappearing into per-manent storage."

Men are unabashedly fussy

about what they wear around their necks. James Joyce's reply to the painter Patrick Tuo-hy, who told the Irish writer he was going to capture his soul in a portrait, says it all: "Never mind about my soul, just make Sure you get my tie right."
Orsini is the world's largest

manufacturer of expensive men's ties, those retailing for \$70 and up. There are only a handful of big players in this market, worth an estimated 18 million ties a year, though there are a great many labels. The Zegna subsidiary makes 14 of them, including Givenchy, Les Copains, Dunhill, Romeo

Gigli, Valentino and Karl Lagerfeld.
Orsini will sell roughly 2.8 million luxury ties in 1995, about 16 percent of a highly fragmented market with many small producers. The only comparable competitor is Mantero, another Italian company whose neckwear appears as Ferré, Yves St. Laurent, Hugo Boss, Ungaro and others.

The second echelon, at least in terms of volume, consists of names like Hermès, Giorgio Armani and Gianni Versace. Each is good for about 1 million ties a year.

The American satirist S. J. Perelman joked years ago about the social need of Western man to dress for the evening in the "black-dyed tails of a sheep." Top hars and tails may have practically vanished, but the silk tie - made, after all, of the spittle of an Asian insect - is

agreement would give BP a stake in one of the world's

largest gas provinces and a piece of the marketing profits

for gas sold to southern Europe,

expected to rise 25 percent in

Ian Stewart, a BP spokes-

the next decade.

where demand for the fuel is

still obligatory. In spite of the occasional French or German designer name, "one way or the other luxury ties are an Italian busi-Mr. Donatelli said. "Even when we don't make them directly, we supply the fabric.

That fabric is still silk, either in its pure form or with another fiber, like wool or cashmere, woven in to create a particular textural effect. Polyester has made no inroads whatsoever at

the high end of the tie market. Neither has the trend toward more casual office wear. In fact, production and sales are reported to be up at all levels of the business, and even the managerial fad of "dress-down" Fridays in Japan and North America has acted as a stimulus for the market. "It has created a new niche, 'Friday wear,' that has brought the ascot back from oblivion." Mr. Donarelli said.

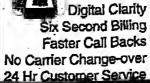
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### Now the Hard Part: Getting Euro-phoric

Speak will reaffirm it as the start date,"

BONN — The German government and commercial banks plan a sweeping marketing campaign to sell a wary public on the idea of giving up the Deotsche mark for a common currency called the mark for a common currency called the

Euro. "The facts speak in favor of monetary union," said Karl-Heinz Wessel, presdent of the Federation of German Banks. 'That's what we want to get across. This is the only way to ease the concerns and reservations of citizens."

pean countries begin to tackle the logistics of phasing in a common currency, economists said they were not moving fast enough to cusure that monetary union goes ahead on time in 1999.

unlikely, but equally assume all political- consequences of the whole project," said

European leaders on Friday put aside single European Unioo currency the Euro troduce it in stages between 1999 and

Even staunch advocates of monetary union agree that there are flaws in the But while Germany and other Euro- single currency's architecture, and they worry that it could become unglued in the

event of a crisis. "If it steadily becomes apparent that the Madrid decisions were flawed, then in-

es ahead on time in 1999.

'Markets generally still see 1999 as vestors are likely to become increasingly nervous about the economic and poliocal

side. Clearly, oot all of the 15 EU men months of bickering hy agreeing to call a bers will join the new currency club either because they do oot meet the economic and by deciding on a timetable to in- criteria laid out in the Maastricht treaty or

because they simply do oot want to.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain ruled out having an exchange-rate mech-anism between currencies that remained outside the single monetary unit.

He said there was a danger currencies outside the system could lose value and that these states would demand more money from the richer states to finance unemployment and other structural changes, 'and there's no money for that."

(Reuters, Bloomberg, NYT)

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### **Asian Companies Thirst for Capital**

Agence France-Presse
SINGAPORE — New shares valued at about \$41 billion are expected to be listed on Asian stock markets in 1996, indicating the region's growing appetite for capital, a study released here Sunday said.

About \$36 billion was raised this year, according to equity research carried out by Salomon Brothers Inc. on eight Asian stock

The potential primary share issues in 1996 are equivalent to about 3.3 percent of market capitalization of stock markets in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, South Korea and Taiwan.

"The actual figure attained next year will clearly be a function of market conditions,

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but the key point is that there still is a strong demand for new capital within the region,

the American investment house said. The capital is required to fund corporate expansion and privatization, notably in infrastructure-related areas, it said.

include more issues of so-called H shares - shares of Chinese companies listed in Hong Kong — and the floating of Singapore Power, Korea Telecom and several large privatizations in Indonesia in sectors such as steel, power and banking.

South Korean companies are expected to lead the call for capital by issuing \$11 billion in new shares, followed by Indonesie with \$8 billion.

Elsewhere in Asia, new share issues are ornies were overheating.

expected to hit \$4.8 billion in Malaysia. \$4.5 billion in Thailand, \$4 billion in Hong Kong and Taiwan and \$2.5 billion in Singapore and the Philippines.

Salomon Brothers warned that a strong ametite for capital on the back of poor New share-issue milestones next year regional market performance over the past two years pointed to "continuing pressure on the pricing and size of new issues." It said that companies should find a

> damentals were viewed favorably and were attractively priced, among other factors. In a separate study, Salomon Brothers said it did not expect interest rates in the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand to drop in the first half of 1996 because their econ-

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Dec. 18-22

#### A schedule of this week is economic and financial events, compled for the international Herald Tribune by Bloomberg Business New

**Americas** 

Frankfurt: German November M3 mon-Bogota: Cemex SA de CV and Cemento Argos SA bid for control of Ce-Madrid: Finance Ministry publishes mentos Paz del Rio SA. From Dec. 20 November budget deficit figures; Bank of Spain publishes Spain's current ac-

Santiago: Banking superintendent recount balance figures for October. Zurich: Start of Elektrowatt AG's publeases statistics on bank loan portfo-lios and profits; Central bank releases lic offer period for shares of Landis &

November trade statistics and October indicator of economic activity. Mexico City: October unemployment figures; October retail sales.

Ottawa: October manufecturing report. Washington: The U.S. Agriculture Department's weekly report on planting progress for seven crops; Treasury Department holds bill euction.

New York: Johnson Redbook research service's weekly survey of total sales at more than 20 U.S. department, discount and chain stores. Washington: Federal Open Market Committee meets; final third-quarter gross domestic product figures.

Ottawa: October trade and retail trade

Washington: October merchandise

trade; trade deficit in goods and ser-

ly report on mortgage applications.

vices for October, Mortgage Bankers

London: M4 November provisional estimates: November balance of trade with non-EU countries.

London: November Public-Sector Bor-

Rome: October industrial production.

September Industrial orders released.

Voorburg, Netherlands: October in-

London: December financial statistics.

Stockholm: October industrial orders

Earnings expected: Eurotherm.

Madrid: October producer prices.

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figures; Industrial output.

Madrid: Third-quarter economic Paris: October industrial production. Stockholm: October retail sales deta.

product and balance of payments.

icy council meets.

expenditure.

Paris: November and third-quarter

London: Revised third-quarter capital

Paris: October trade balance; final

Novembar consumer price index.

producer confidence figures.

Voorburg, Netherlands: December

consumer confidence and November

London: Third-quarter gross domestic Washington: Initial weekly state unemployment compensation insurance claims; Federal Reserve reports weekwages; Bank of France monetary polly money supply; Treasury Department releases November budget statement; personal income and spending for Oc-

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Washington: Federal Reserve releases minutes from its Nov. 15 policysetting session; Federal Reserve releases report on commercial and industrial loans at commercial banks. Ottawa: October gross domestic prod-

### Sanyo Pins Hopes On Silicon Panels

Agence France-Presse

Co. is betting that its new costsaving silicon technology for making color display panels for the amorphous silicon in its notebook computers will help it become a player in a multibilreceptive investment audience if their fuolion-dollar market dominated by Sharp Corp. and NEC Corp.

Yukinori Kuwano, the head research and development for Sanyo and something of e pioneer in silicon technology, predicted that the new process would allow Sanyo to surpass its larger rivals to lead the mar-

"All companies want to have the number one position," he said recently. "That is no problem for us.

Mr. Kuwano is considered one of the leading gurus of amor-phous silicon, which is used for making solar cells as well as the TFT-LCD panels, which stands for thin-film transistor liquid-

crystal display. In 1980, Mr. Kuwano helped Sanyo develop the world's first calculator powered by solar cells. Two years later, the company unveiled the first TFT-LCD television system.

Sanyo has since focused on amorphous silicon solar cells and is now the world leader. In the more lucrative TFT-LCD technology, however, Sanyo lost an early lead to Sharp, now the world leader, and has slipped

behind NEC, which has invest-TOKYO - Sanyo Electric ed heavily in the technology. But Sanyo hopes to win back its ploneer status by replacing panels with polysilicon, a ma-

the end of next year.

At an estimated cost savings of 75 percent for a typical 4inch (10-centimeter) panel, Mr. Kuwano is hoping that Sanyo can quickly recoup its 6 billion yen (\$58.8 million) investment

#### Sony Venture in China

Co., will open next year in the

Wangqiao Industrial Develop-ment Zone of Shanghai's Pudong New Zone, AFP said, Electronics Stock Co.

terial that can be processed at lower temperatures and with lower-cost materials. Smaller screens accounted

for a third of the global TFT-LCD market in 1994, or around \$2 billion, but Sanyo expects that to increase to \$5 billion by

in the technology.

Sony Corp. and two Chinese companies have agreed to set up e \$410 million joint venture to manufacture television sets and picture tubes primarily for export, Agence France-Presse reported Sunday from Shanghai. The venture, Suogang Image

quoting the Xinhua news agency. The Chinese partners are Shanghai Guangdian Stock Co. and Shanghai Vacuum and

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Israel Cuts Grants to Foreign Firms

JERUSALEM (Bloomberg) — The Israeli government has accepted a proposal to reduce government grants to foreign investors to 34 percent from 38 percent, Eli Yosef, a Finance Ministry spokesman, said Sunday

The reduction will go into effect Ian. 1. The grant will be reduced by a further 4 percentage points, to 30 percent, as of Jan. 1, 1997, said Dani Bloch, a spokesman for the Israel Export Institute, an arm of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Those in favor of the cut said the incentives were no longer necessary because Israel offered companies enough in the way of opportunities - including a skilled high- tech work force.

But Micha Harish, minister of industry and trade, said it was a move that could discourage companies from investing in Israel and harm developing areas using the grants to attract investors.

#### Posec and Egypt to Build Steel Plant

CAIRO (AFP) — Posec of South Korea and Egypt agreed on Sunday to set up what would be the Middle East's largest steel factory in a \$250 million deal, Ibrahim Fawzi, the Egyptian Industry Minister said.

Posec, a branch of Pohang Iron & Steel Co., initialed the deal to build a factory outside Cairo to eventually produce 140,000 tons of high-quality steel a year, Mr. Fawzi said

#### Chip Shortage Hits VideoLogic Profit

LONDON (Bloomberg) - VideoLogic Group PLC, a British electronic and computer components company, said a shortage of silicon chips depressed sales and prevented the company from reducing its first-half pretax loss by more than 3 percent.

VideoLogic posted a loss of £3.6 million (\$5.5 million) in the six months to Sept. 30, compared with £3.7 million a year earlier. Sales rose 19 percent, to £6.55 million.

#### Taiwan Eases Foreign Stock Limits

TAIPEI (Combined Dispatches) - Taiwan will double to \$400 million the limit on stock investments by foreign institutions to improve the performance of its equity market, the Central Bank of

China said Sunday. It did not say when it would take effect.

"Many investors have reached the \$200 million ceiling and want to add funds," said George Chou, deputy director-general of the central bank's foreign exchange unit. (AP, Bloomberg)

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### LATE: Still Time for Cyberstocks

Continued from Page 11 over the past four quarters.

for Morgan Stanley & Co. Of course, it is difficult out to envy the people, usually com- value 38 times its sales. Spypany insiders and venture capitalists, who have already made enormous sums oo Netscape, goes for 136 times its tiny rev-UUNet Technologies Inc. and enue. By contrast, Microsoft Spyglass Inc.

But it may help to realize that the temporary scarcity of such stocks, more than their fundavalue of less than 8 times its \$7 mental value, is what has led to the out-of-sight price rises.

Take Netscape, which develops software that helps people Yet investors have awarded the company a market value of \$5 billion, about 120 times its sales mon.co.uk

Netcom On-Line Communications, which helps people get onto the Internet, has a market

glass, which also develops software for navigating the Internet, corp., which really does dominate its industry, has e market

billion in revenue. The equity market has failed to differentiate between the extremely large overall market opportunity and the varuse personal computers and ious business opportunities modems to navigate the Inter-available to individual companet. Although Netscape is con-nies," said Jonathan H. Cohen, sidered a fine little company, its an analyst with Smith Barney, products are not yet profitable. who recommends that investors

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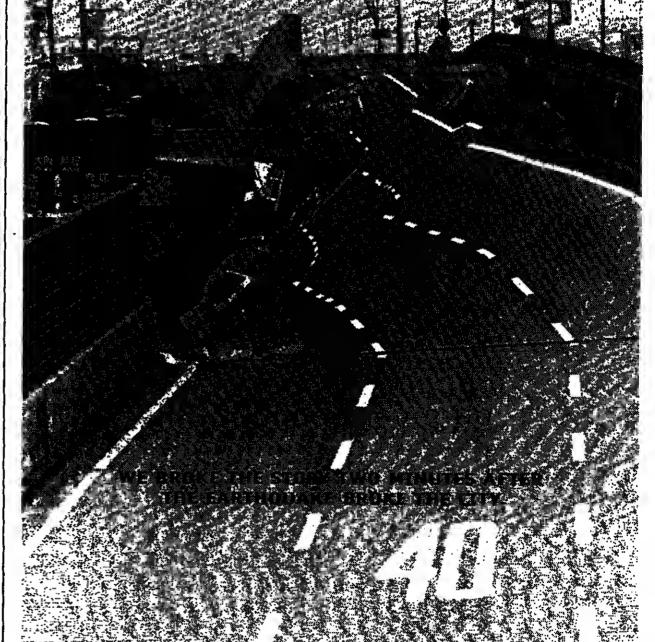
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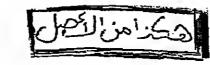
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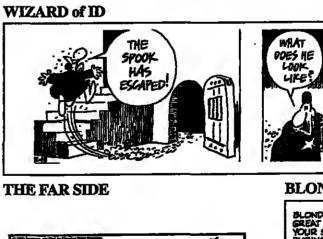
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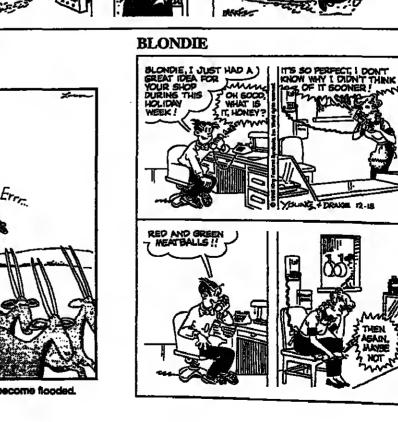
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By Jennifer Frey

ORLANDO, Florida - An-'Penny'' Hardaway stayed in the Orlando Magic locker room long after the team's shoot-around ended on Friday morning, watching as outer hallway, where cameras, microphones and note pads were poised for a few words of wisdom regarding Shaq's longanticipated comchack.

huge at 332 pounds (150 kilograms), his body appropriately draped in a "Big Dawg" Tshirt, caused a commotion in Orlando Arena, an entourage recording his every facial expression as he barreled his way

to the players' parking lot.
A few minutes later, Hard-away slipped quietly from the locker room and peered around. almost relieved, at the nearempty hall. Look closely enough, and you could have seen a small smile on his face.

After six weeks of carrying the Magic, Hardaway is more than happy to return the burden to O'Neal, who returned from a thumb injury to reclaim his learn and his city on Friday night. The city was easy: The sellout crowd stood and roared its welcome, Shaq's mere presence lending electricity to the dead-end street in a dead-end night. The team, though, may not be so easy. Something happened during those six weeks Shaq spent in convalescence. The Magic became Hardaway's

when he shared the floor with Shaq, a player who — by mere riors and Orlando that made size alone — tends to capture him a Magic rookie in 1993. the attention of all things living

the moment he gets near a bas- Hardaway's first six weeks of this, his third NBA season, a time frame that happened to coincide with

the hig guy — Shaquille it to a little of both — Hardaway away.

O'Neal — emerged into the has left a lasting impression, his An scoring average (25.9) fourth in the league and the Magic's stunning Shaqless record (17-5) attributed in large part to

> "I don't think I became the hig man while he was gone," Hardaway said, with his usual modesty. "I think a lot of people just started noticing me, because he was gone and my points were going up. I think the combination — my average going up and the team winning the way we were — just made a lot more people notice me."

Hardaway is shy, sometimes painfully awkward around strangers, and he has a tough time talking about himself. Still, his history has been wellchronicled: the mother, Fae Patterson, who left him in first grade to pursue a career as a lounge singer, the tough but loving grandmother. Louise Hardaway, who took him into her three-room house at 2977 Forest Street in Memphis. Tennessee, a dead-end address on a part of town; the thugs who ran his neighborhood and once robbed him — giving him a bullet wound in the process—a few hlocks from his house; the academic troubles that caused embarrassing problems when be arrived at the University of Memphis; the mega-trade be-ward, "It might take a little while." How did it happen? Well, embarrassing problems when maybe it was easy to overlook be arrived at the University of Hardaway's exceptional taleots Memphis; the mega-trade betweeo the Golden State War-

kethall. And maybe Hardaway quested workout 48 hours prior simply blossomed during the to the draft is what made Orlando dramatically change course and decide not to retain its draft rights to Chris Webber. Shaq's absence from the court. who was selected No. 1 by the Whatever the reason - and Magic and then traded to Goldmost Magic observers attribute en State for the rights to Hard-

> And, oh, the Magic brass is happy about that decision now. The qualities Orlando saw in Hardaway that day — the heart, the grit and the determination are exactly why the 24-yearold was capable of carrying the Magic during Shaq's absence this season. Just ask Hardaway's teammates.
> "I didn't know he was that

good," said Jon Koncak, who played center in Shaq's absence. "His unselfishness, his determination — these are characteristics that don't always come with that kind of talent, and when you take a guy like that and put him in a situation where he really carries his team on his shoulders, well. that's how you know be's one

of the great ones."
Hardaway gets embarrassed when people mention his name in the same company as Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan. And Jordan has made it clear that Penny still has to wait a little longer before he can become king. But that's okay for Hardaway and the Magic, who know - Shaq return or no Shaq return - that the team has a new leader.

The Magic ran only a few plays designed for O'Neal Friday night, yet Shaq still man-

The Magic's Shaquille O'Neal returned to action Friday night, broken thumb healed.

aged to score 26 points in 24 minutes. Hardaway had a mere 16, well below his average, but he also had 11 assists, and it's no coincidence that - with Hardaway running the plays four Magic players finished the

Maybe Hardaway's average will slip now that Shaq is back, and maybe all the hype and excitement will lessen as well. The lesson, though, has been learned. With Penny around, the Magic survived without

out Penny?

'Take it from me," Koncak said, when asked that question. "That is something we really don't want to find out about." Shaq's thunderous dunks and

intimidating inside presence. But could the Magic — with or without Shaq — survive with-

### **Bulls Are Hurting, But Still Winning**

The Associated Press

Michael Jordan winced in pain on the Chicago Bulls bench, his dislocated right index finger soaking in a cup of ice water. Sitting beside him was Dennis Rodman, whose aching calves were being massaged by a therapist.

It was Scottie Pippen time. When Michael hurt his finger, we knew there was going to

#### NBA ROUNDUP

be a change in our offense," said the Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson, after Pippen's 33 points, 13 rebounds and six assists paced the Bulls to a 108-88 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Saturday night in Chicago. "Scottie took it upon himself to be more aggressive.

With the finger on his shoot-ing hand bandaged from the second quarter on, Jordan scored 20 points but was only five-for-20 from the floor. Rodman, despite his injury, grabbed 15 rebounds as the Bulls earned their ninth consecutive victory and improved their NBA-best record to 19-2. They are 10-0 at

Cedric Ceballos scored 27

points for the Lakers.
Toni Kukoc scored 22 points for Chicago, which also played without backup center Bill Wennington (back spasms). Jordan was concerned about

his finger problem, which first surfaced a month ago. "I haven't been able to get rid of the swelling," said Jordan, who is looking to lead the league in scoring for the eighth time. "I'm pretty sure it's going to be like this all season.

mits as Mookie Blaylock scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and the Atlanta Hawks scored nine unanswered points in the final 1:38 to beat the visiting Denver Nuggets. The Hawks stopped a five-game home losing streak as they won for only the second time in their last nine games. Denver lost its seventh straight at

Atlanta but lost for only the second time in its last eight games. Knicks 86, Pistons 82 In New

York, Panick Ewing had 21 points, including a key 18-foot jumper with 40.5 seconds remaining, and 12 rebounds as the Knicks downed Detroit.

Ewing's jumper gave the Knicks a five-point custion, and New York won for the fourth time in five games, despite missing two of four free throws in the final 14 seconds.

Jazz 23, Heat 74 In Miami. Karl Malone scored 30 points as Utah sent Miami to its fourth consecutive loss and sixth in

seven games.
Miami, held under 100 points for the fifth straight games, was missing injured starters Alonzo Mourning, Billy Owens and Sasha Danilovich, who have combined this season for an average of 54 points per game. Kevin Gamble led Miami with 20 points.

Spura 122, Kings 108 In San Antonio, Sean Elliott scored 31 points and David Robinson added 30 and grabbed 11 rebounds. Mitch Richmond led. the Kings with 23 points and Tyus Edney added 20.

Sune 111, Mevericke 108 in Dallas, Charles Barkley scored the Suns' first five points in overtime as Phoenix won despite a record-tying 10 threepointers by the Mavericks' George McCloud.

Barkley scored 29 points and rabbed 11 rebounds as hoenix won its 14th straight over Dallas.

eriors 116, Griz night after stopping their 19game losing streak — a record for an expansion team — Vancouver was routed at home.

Latrell Sprewell scored 22 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished off eight assists to lead Golden State.

Glen Rice scored 31 points to lead Charlotte to victory in Los Angeles. Larry Johnson scored 20 points and Scott Burrell added 18 for the Hornets.

### Batistuta Strikes as Fiorentina Closes In

### Fowler's Brilliant Double Sinks Manchester United

The prolific Argentine strik-Sampdoria. er Gabriel Batistuta lifted Giuseppe

Fiorentina's third successive to a halt. victory leaves the team just a

SOCCER ROUNDUP point behind the league leader, AC Milan, held 1-1 at home by

struggling Torino. Milan recovered well from the shock of conceding a vanni Trapattoni's resurgent fourth- minute penalty, converted by Ruggiero Rizzitelli, with Zvonimir Boban equalizing in the 11th minute.

But, with George Weah and Roberto Baggio looking badly out of form, the first division pacesetter slipped to its second successive tie at San Siro Sta-

at Ban by a team beaten. 7-1. at Cremonese last week. Parma fell behind to Igor

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The team's Colombian striker. Alessandro Melli's 89th-minute effort allowed Parma to extend goals. place, five points behind Par-

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ma, with a 6-3 victory over pletely wrong-footed the Unit-Sampdoria. pletely wrong-footed the Unit-ed keeper, Peter Schmeichel.

The Magic said then that

Giuseppe Signori, without a Fiorentina to second place in goal since October, recaptured minutes from the end of reg-ltaly's Serie A with two goals in his scoring touch by scoring ulation time ou a flowing move son Costa opened the scoring. his team's 3-1 victory Sunday twice. Lazio brought its run of out of defense with Fowler Espanyol of

> Lazio's arch-rival Roma registered its first victory in seven years at Napoli with goals from the Swedish midfielder Jonas There and a second-half substitute. Marco Delvecchio, later shown the red card for dissent. The veteran manager Gio-

> Cagliari stretched its unbeaten run to five games by becoming the first club to beat Vicenza on its home ground in 27 months. ENGLAND Two goals from Rohhie Fowler sank Manchester United on Sunday as Liv-

erpool outplayed its hig English Premier League rival. United stays in second place, Parma, second at the start of the 2-0 away defeat leaving it the day, fell back to third after still seven points short of Newstruggling to a last-gasp 1-1 tie castle, which beat Everton, 1-0, in a rebound after his shot had on Saturday and two points ahead of the Tottenham Hotspur,

which had climbed to third with Pronti's 45th-minine penalty, a 1-0 victory at Wimbledon. With Eric Cantona and Ryan Faustino Asprilla, was then dis-missed for dissent. However, pool dominated for long periods and could have scored more

> Fowler's first goal came on the stroke of halftime when his Tirsense, 5-0, at home Sunday end for criticizing his cloh's 25-meter curling free kick com- to maintain its league lead of training conditions.

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g over the advancing Liverpool moved up to fifth,

four points behind United but I I shy of Newcastle.

United's manager, Alex Fer-guson, said: "I thought in the first half we were dreadful. In the second half we improved slight-

NETHERLANDS In its first Dutch league match since winning the world club title in Tokyo, Ajax strolled to a 3-0 Sunday at lowly

Marc Overmars gave Ajax a ninth-minute lead and the Finnish midfielder Jari Litmanen made it 2-0 from the penalty spot in the 25th minute. Litmanen was on target again seven minutes from halftime, tapping struck the goalkeeper, Jan-Willem van Ede.

Ajax, with 15 victories and a draw from 16 games, stays five points clear of PSV Eindhoven. 3-0 winners at home Saturday to Fortuna Sittard.

PORTUGAL The Portuguese champion. Porto - unbeaten season -- crushed

points. Tirsense's resistance faltered 12 minutes into the game when

Sunday at Real Oviedo, overtaking neighbors Barcelona which beat Sporting Gijon. 1-0, Saturday at home with a goal by Gheorge Popescu — and Atleti-co Madrid, which played at Va-

lencia in a late game Sunday.

AFRICA Orlando Pirates of South Africa won the African Champions' Soccer Cup on Saturday with an unexpected 1-0 second-leg victory over Ivory Coast's ASEC.

Jerry Sikosama scored in the 72d minute in front of 40,000 spectators, making the Pirates the first southern African team to lift the trophy. Sikosama's winner stunned the home fans, who had been confident of victory after the first leg in Jo-

harmesburg ended 2-2.
But ASEC, or the Sporting Association of Business Employees, failed to repeat its performance in the home leg of the semifinals when they overran Ismalia of Egypt, 5-1.

The Pirates put the team's troubles behind them, including the sacking of the Scottish-born coach Joe Frickleton last week-



Austria's Hans Knaus clears a gate on his way to victory in the men's World Cup giant slalom on Sunday.

### A Great World Cup Weekend for Austrians

### Knaus and Ortleib Win Men's Events; Eder and Wachter Tops for Women

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ALTA BADIA, Italy -Hans Knaus of Austria scored his first World Cup victory Sunday, ending the Swiss racer Michael Von Gruenigen's 100 percent record in the giant slalom this season.

Knaus was fastest in both legs. He won with a combined time of two minutes 35.34 seconds. Von Gruenigen, winner of the first three giants of the season, was fourth after the first leg but put in a storming second run to claim second place, 0.69 of a second behind Knaus.

Alberto Tomba, seeking a fifth victory on the 1,871-meter Gran Risa run that gave him his first trip to the World Cup podium in 1986, finished third io a combined time of 2:36.71.

The local hero, cheered on by his fans from all over Italy, twisted her way down the suncame out of the starting gate like a rocket in the second leg but slipped at the first gate and went slightly wide at the sec- of one minute, 40.95 seconds. ond. The two mistakes cost him his chance of victory.

and it was always my dream to other two places: Urska Hrovat the combined event with a total? follow in his footsteps," said Knaus, who has twice finished on the podium this season. Knaus's victory completed a

triumphant weekend for the Austrian skiers. Patrick Ortlieb won the downhill at Val Gardena, Italy, and Michaela Dorfmeister, Elfi Eder and Anita Wachter won women's downhills, slaloms and combined events at home in St. An-

Eder recorded her second World Cup slalom victory of the season Sunday while Wachter, her teammate, capnared the combined event. Eder carried a commanding

1.01 second lead into the secand leg of the slalom. Skiing a cautious but strong second run. the Olympic silver medalist time of 52.90 seconds, finishing with a two-run combined time Eder's second career victory

skiers, including three of the last six, failing to reach the finish line.

The difficult conditions, however, suited Eder. "I prefer the harder slopes," said Eder. The victory gives Eder, 25, a commanding lead stop the overall slalom standings

with a perfect 200 points. Hrovat is a distant second with 112. On Saturday the Austrians, led by Michaela Dorfmeister,

occupied the top three places in the downhill. Dorfmeister was followed by Alexandra Meissnitzer and Renate Goetschl ned for third with

Picabo Street of the United Street's share of third place

pushed her to the top of the downhill standings with 200

taking second with 1:41.80 followed by Katja Koren in third with 1:42.39.

Tomba Involved in Clash

The steep, icy course took a Tomba plunged into contro-toll with seven of the final 30 versy after the race Sunday when he clashed with a photographer who sold nude photographs of him to a magazine.

last summer. Witnesses said Tombe threw a bottle of sparkling wine at Aldo Martinuzzi, a freelance photographer, aimed a glass trophy. at him at the winners' ceremony

and shouted obscenities at him. Tomba insisted that he was merely throwing the bottle in the air. "I didn't want to hurt him," he said in a news conference. "Someone jogged my elbow. It's strange that it should

have bit him." The bottle did not hit anyone but the trophy hit Martinuzzi's camera, cutting him on the hand. Martinuzzi said he was,

against Tomba.

Martinuzzi's nude chance of victory.

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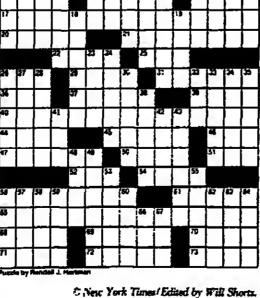
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# Victory Over Dolphins Gives "Comeback Bills the AFC East

The Miami Dolphins, who spent mil- year. lions on players they hoped would take better with David White.

Yes, David White, a linebacker cut three times since his rookie year in 1993. White combined with Thurman Thomas to give the Bills a 23-20 victory over the Dolphins on Sunday that gave Buffalo its sixth AFC East title in eight years and left the Dol-phins in deep trouble.

For Buffalo (10-5), the AFC's Super to Calvin Williams in the fourth quarter Bowl representative from 1990 to 1993, the helped Philadelphia (10-5) overcome a 17victory capped a comeback from a 7-9 season last year. Miami (8-7), now needs shooting for the Super Bowl and, perhaps, secure the job of Don Shula, the winningest coach in NFL history.

Miami had come back from a 10-point

halftime deficit to tie the game at 13, then tied it again 20-20 early in the fourth quarter. But on a first down at the Miami 9-yard line, Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino tried to find Irving Fryar. White, cut by both the Bills and Patriots since 1993 and a starter only because of injuries, leaped, pulled the ball down, and returned it 8 yards

Three plays later, Steve Christie kicked his third field goal of the day with 6:11 left for a lead that held up in a finale marked by a fight between Bryan Cox of Miami and Buffalo's Carwell Gardner.

Redskins looked a lot like the early-season St. Louis Rams.

Tom Carter and Tony Woods scored defensive touchdowns in a 35-23 victory Sunday that all but killed the Rams' playoff hopes. The Rams (7-8) have lost eight of their last 11, the last four by a combined score of 152-69.

Mistakes overshadowed a second-consecutive 300-yard passing game from Mark Rypien, who was 34-of-50 for 340 yards, and negated the Rams' advantage in total yards, 434-254.

The Redskins (5-10) won for only the second time in seven games, although the other victory in that span was over Dallas.

Browns 26, Bengals 10 It was the most bittersweet victory in the Cleveland Browns 50 years at Cleveland Stadium, because it may well have been their last.

The Browns beat the Cincinnati Bengals 26-10 Sunday before 55,875 rowdy fans who were unsure if they'd ever get to watch an NFL game in Cleveland again. The Browns (5-10) close their season at Jacksonville next week, and the team owner, Art Modell, plans to move the franchise to Baltimore next year.

Although there were about 12,000 un-sold tickets and nearly 11,000 no-shows, the "Dawg Pound" bleachers at the east end of the stadium were packed until the end. Fans there ripped up some of the long bench seats and tossed them toward the field late in the game.

The victory ended the Browns' six-game losing streak, which began the week news If the move broke. It also finished off the 'Bengals' last playoff hopes; even with a long sbot to capture a wild-card spot.

Vinny Testaverde, listed as questionable cause of a sore him started for Clauder because of a sore hip, started for Cleveland and passed for 241 yards and two touchdowns. Matt Stover, who last week sur-

Eagles 21, Cardinals 20 The Philadelphia them to the Super Bowl, might have done Eagles showed their former coach, Buddy Ryan, that their tough defense didn't leave when he did.

The Eagles defense forced five secondhalf turnovers and limited the Cardinals to field goals to earn a home playoff game with a 21-20 comeback victory over Arizona on Sunday.

Rodney Peete's 37-yard touchdown pass point deficit.

Beers 31, Bu help to make the playoffs in a year it was Bears kept their playoff hopes alive and killed Tampa Bay's postseason chances. Rashaan Salaam rushed for a career-

high 134 yards and three touchdowns as the Bears beat the Buccaneers 31-10 Sunday. The Bears (8-7), who won for only the second time in seven games after a 6-2 start, remained a postseason possibility

thanks to Carolina's victory over Atlanta Chicago would qualify for the playoffs if it beats Philadelphia at Soldier Field next week and Atlanta falls to San Francisco or Minnesota loses one of its final two games, against San Francisco and Cincinnati.

Tampa Bay (7-8), which buoyed its playoff hopes with a victory over Green Bay last week, couldn't survive Trent Dilfer's four turnovers Sunday.

rs 21, Fatcons 17 The longest play Redskins 35, Rams 23 The Washington in the Carolina Panthers' history produced their biggest comeback yet.

Kerry Collins linked up with Willie Green on an 89-yard touchdown pass with 7:06 remaining Sunday, completing the Panthers' comeback from a two-touchdown deficit and giving them a 21-17 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

Carolina (7-8) turned away a fourth-andgoal play with 67 seconds left and severely damaged Atlanta's postseason hopes.

The Falcons (8-7) face the unlikely prospect of having to defeat San Francisco in their season finale if they are to have any chance of making the playoffs. Atlanta has



passed Nick Lowery as the most accurate kicker in NFL history, added four field aimed for the Steelers' Ernie Mills.

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TOP 25 COLLEGE RESULTS

goals for a team-record total of 29 this lost its last three games to the 49ers by a combined 106 points.

Carolina, already assured of finishing as the winningest expansion team in NFL history, erased deficits of 14-0 and 17-7 on the way to winning for the fifth time in eight games at Clemson's Memorial Stadium, the Panthers' first-year home away from home.

tions 44, Jaguars of the Detroit Lions know how to finish fast. Rarely have they been this powerful.

Barry Sanders ran for two touchdowns, Scott Mitchell passed for two more and the high-flying Lions breezed to a 44-0 ront over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

The Lions (9-6), who extended their winning streak to six games, have scored 190 points in their last six games and remain in strong contention for a playoff berth. If Minnesota loses Monday night at San Francisco, the Lions will make the playoffs for the fourth time in five sea-

Ollers 23, Jets 6 Steve McNair made his first NFL start and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass, leading the Houston Oilers to a drab 23-6 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

McNair's touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffires with 38 seconds left in the first quarter and a 53-yard pass play to Chris Sanders in the fourth quarter that set up a touchdown drew cheers from a crowd of

Al Del Greco kicked field goals of 49, 53 and 24 yards as the Oilers (6-9) played what likely was their final game in the Astrodome before moving to Tennessee. The Oilers' lease runs through the 1997 season, but Adams is expected to buy out the remaining portion and complete the move to Termessee pext season.

Packers 34, Saints 23Brett Favre threw for 308 yards and four touchdowns as the Packers qualified for the NFL playoffs for a third straight year by beating the Saints on

The victory also positioned the Packers (10-5) to clinch their first NFC Central championship since 1972.

Reggie White, the NFL's career leader with 157 sacks, had been expected to miss the rest of the year with an injured left hamstring. But he entered the game on the Packers' third defensive play.

Favre, who completed the first six passes

he threw, advanced his claim for the NFL's MVP award by completing 12 of 18 passes for 203 yards and four touchdowns in the

He completed 21 of 30 passes on the day. Steelers 41, Patriots 27 Pittsburgh's defense is evoking memories of the famed "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. No wonder the Steelers are talking Super Bowl.

62-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Mills with 1:28 left as the Steelers rallied to beat the New England Patriots 41-27 on Saturday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers (11-4) blew a 12-point lead,

of each half to extend an NFL-leading since a nine-game streak in 1978-79. O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes, Kordell Stewart had his first NFL rushing touchdown on a drive started by his two pass completions, and Brentson Buckner

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against Fabrice Guenet of France at the amateur sumo world championships Sunday in Tokyo. Yarbrough won.

### Gretzky Not Enough for Kings, as Leafs Romp

The Associated Press

Sergio Momesso ended a six-week scor-"Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. No wonder the Steelers are talking Super Bowl.

Pittsburgh's league-leading defense scored twice and Neil O'Donnell threw a Kings, 6-3, for their third straight road

The Kings, who have five losses and a tie against the Leafs in their last six meetings at the L.A. Forum, went nearly eight minutes before their first shot on goal and but scored two touchdowns in the final 1:30 spotted Toronto a 3-0 lead on first-period power-play goals by Mike Gartner, Mo-messo and Paul DiPietro.

Lacroix, Dimitri Khristich and Marty Mc-goaltender Martin Brodeur. Sorley for the Kings.

Capitals. Jim Carey made 29 saves for the 2-0 in their last 12 games. Capitals and Peter Bondra had a goal and

lead the Buffalo Sabres to victory over the game unbeaten streak. New Jersey Devils.

Ward, recalled Tuesday from the Sabres' Rochester team in the American

NHLROUNDUP

Hockey League, took a shot from the top of

Capitals 3, Rangers 2 The New York Brind'Amour scored two goals to lift the unbeaten streak, losing to the Washington and third periods for the Flyers, who are 10-tory over the San Jose Sharks.

Bruins 6, Flames 3 Dave Reid scored three goals and Jozef Stumpel added a goal Sabres 3, Devils 2 Dixon Ward scored the and two assists as the Boston Bruins degame-winner at 12:23 of the third period to feated Calgary to end the Flames' three-

Islanders 3, Whalers 3 In New York, Wendel Clark scored with 16.9 seconds left in regulation as the New York Islanders tied the Hartford Whalers.

For the second straight night, Brendan Shanahan scored twice for the Whalers.

Panthers 7, Lightning 2 Rob Niedermay-Wayne Gretzky set up goals by Eric Devils defenseman Scott Niedermayer past power-play goals as the league-leading scroix, Dimitri Khristich and Marty Mc- goaltender Martin Brodeur. Florida Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Flyers 4, Canadiens 2 In Montreal, Rod Lightning 7-2.

Rangers lost their second game in two Philadelphia Flyers over the Montreal troubled by the flu, came back to score two nights on Saturday following a 10-game Canadiens. Brind'Amour scored in the first goals and lead the St. Louis Blues to vic-

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Lomaninger, Switzerland, 50.92; 9. Astrid Plank,
Italy, 49.93; 10, Zod Stoggal, Austria, 51.48.
Oversall Women's World Cap Standings: 1.
Katja Selzinger, 360 points: 2 Alexandra Melssnitzer, 348; 3. Anilo Wochter, 359; 4. Prodbo
Street, 292; 5. Michoeld Dorfrestater, 299; 6. Martino Ertl. 269; 7. Heidi Zuteringer, 205; 8. Elfi
Eder, 200; 9. Heidi Zuter-Bachler, 199; 10, Isolde
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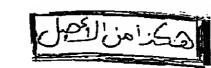
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# Tyson, With 3d-Round Flurry, Knocks Out Mathis



Alberto Tomba shouts at an Italian photographer, Sunday.

#### Tomba Sparks Row

SKHNG Alberto Tomba plunged into controversy after a men's giant slalom on Sunday when be clashed angrily with a photographer who sold nude photographs of him to a mag-

Photographers said Tomha, who had finished third in a giant slalom, threw a bottle of wine at a photographer, Aldo Martinuzzi, and then aimed a glass trophy at him during the podium ceremony. Page 16.(Reuters)

#### George Grabs Record

ATHLETICS The Australian Emma George, a former sprinter, broke her own women's world pole-vault record on Sunday.
She cleared 4.28 meters at an in-

vitation meeting in Perth — three cen-dimeters better than the mark she set in Melbourne last month. George switched to the pole vault

only a year ago after competing as a sprinter and long jumper. The women's pole vault will not be

contested at next year's Atlanta

#### Lloyd Rejects Claim

cricket Clive Lloyd, the match referce, dismissed as a "storm in a teacup" allegations in British Sunday newspapers that the South African fast bowler Craig Matthews had tampered with the ball on the second day of the third test against England on Friday

Lloyd said there was no cooclusive evidence to be obtained from the television pictures which allegedly showed Matthews picking at the

#### Daehlie Dominates

SKIING Bjorn Daehlie continued his dominance of World Cup crosscountry skiing Sunday, capturing a 15-kilometer combined event

Only runner-up Jari Isometsae of Finland finished within a minute of Daehlie, who has won five of six races this season. (Reuters)

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RUGBY UNION England's rugby players signed professional one-year contracts with the Rugby Football Union worth £36,000 (\$55,000) each on Friday. On Saturday, they were booed and slow-handclapped for their lackluster play in a 27-9 victory over Western Samoa.

The unprecedented booing oc-curred in the second half when fly-half Paul Grayson, who kicked 17 points on his debut, was lining up his sixth penalty of the maich with the score 15-9. There were loud cheers when he missed the target.

Pack leader Ben Clarke described the crowd as "ungracious" on Sunday, echoing the sentiments of coach Jack Rowell after the match.

England did manage two tries from Lawrence Dallaglio and Rory Underwood to end a run of three consecutive (Reuters)

By Jere Longman New York Times Service

PHILADELPHIA — When Mike Tyson and Buster Mathis Jr. finally entered the ring Saturday night, the 18,000-seat Spec-trum was half empty of spectators and fully barren of suspense. The most urgent question was whether Mathis would last as long as the national anthem, which had been screechingly extended to 2 minutes 10 seconds by a trio called Brownstone.

He did last looger, smothering Tyson determinedly but futilely before being knocked out at 2 minutes 32 seconds of the third round.

As Tyson appeared in tradicional black trunks, there was little electricity in the building, unless you count the static electricity that keeps promoter Don King's hair aloft. A quick, decisive victory seemed inevitable, especially when Mathis removed his yellow robe to reveal a 224-pound (101-kilogram) marshmallow physique that complemented his cottoncandy punching

The sculpted, 219-pound Tyson, a 25-1 favorite, appeared overanxious and missed with a wild left hook as the fight began. After an early slip, Mathis crowded Tyson against the ropes, trying to constrict his punches, and the former champion kept swiping at air, missing again with a left-right-left combination. Mathis expertly dodged the hook until Tyson connected late in the first round.

A thudding left hook by Tyson got the thin crowd — which had paid prices ranging to \$500 — roaring for a knockout late in the second round. A right uppercut by Tyson stung Mathis in the third, theo Tyson followed with two more concussive right followed with two more concussive right uppercuts. The first straightened Mathis. the second dumped him on his back. Mathis climbed to his feet, but the referee, Frank Cappuccino, had counted the blubbery challenger out.

"I know I looked good; I needed the work." said Tyson, who earned \$10 million for his effort, while Mathis collected \$600,000, "He tried to lay on me, and the ref wouldn't keep him off.

Mathis, 25, said he felt that he could have continued fighting. "It was very close," he said. "I felt I was up. I felt very good. I was prepared. I saw the uppercut, but I slipped into it instead of stepping away."

Tyson, who is impatiently single-mind-

on March 16, then attempt to consolidate the title against WBA champion Bruce Seldon in June and IBF titlist Frans Botha of South Africa in August. It is no small convenience for Tyson that Bruno, Seldoo and Botha are all promoted by Don King.

This was Tyson's second fight since leaving prison after serving three years for rape. Peter McNeeley was dispatched in 89 seconds on Aug. 19. Tyson last went beyond the first round in a 12-round decision over Donovan "Razor" Ruddock oo June 28, 1991, the final time be stepped between the ropes before he went behind bars.

Saturday night's fight was a marketing ploy, shown on free television on the Fox network, the bout was designed to pit Tyson against a weak puncher, to let the former champion display his malevolence in order that fans might be attracted to his future fights on pay-per-view television.

The bout had originally been scheduled for Nov. 4 in Las Vegas, but it was post-

poned after Tyson suffered a fractured right thumb. The next preferred site was Atlantic City, N.J., but the New Jersey casino commission has declined to sanction promoter Don King.
That left Philadelphia, whose Spectrum

became available wheo a rock group's coo-cert was canceled. However, given exorbitant ocket prices, the mere two-week buildup, the proximity of Christmas and the perceived weakness of Mathis as an opponent, ticket sales sagged like Tyson's parring partners, four of wbom were knocked out on consecutive days.



Mike Tyson lands a right hand to the jaw of Buster Mathis Jr. on Saturday. Tyson won with a third-round knockout.

### A Heavyweight Joke: 'Champions' Awaiting Tyson

By Dave Anderson
New York Times Service

PHILADELPHIA - At a big beavyweight fight, it's usually the other way around: The champion is defeoding the title and the challengers are at ringside, woofing and wailing for an opportunity.

But as Mike Tyson awaited his assault on Buster Mathis Jr. at the Spectrum, he was the boxer in the ring while the three champions - Frank Bruno, Bruce Seldoo and Frans

Botha — were at ringside scouting him.

Bruno, Seldon and Botha are the titleholders in a heavyweight division divided into three parts.

Even if the best of each's questionable talents were mixed into one boxer, Bruno-Seldon-Botha would not add

ed about regaining the undisputed heavy-weight championship, is scheduled to fight next against WBC champion Frank Bruno

mixed the one boxer, Bruno-Seigon-Botha would not add up to anything more than an "opponent" for Muhammad Ali or Joe Frazier or the lethal young George Foreman, or maybe the now cuddly old George Foreman.

Bruno is the World Boxing Council champion, Seldon is the World Boxing Association champion and Botha is the International Boxing Federation champion. Like sitting ducks in a shooting gallery, all are lined up for Tyson. "Mike," the promoter Don King blares whenever anyone might be listening, "will undispute the title."

But until Tyson proves himself, anyone who knows a jab from a hook realizes that Riddick Bowe is the best heavy-

weight around. Bowe even holds a championship belt issued by the World Boxing Organization, but that callow con-sortium is considered a rookie ruling body.

Foreman, who will be 47 when he goes against Michael Moorer at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 29 in what he promises to be his "last fight," is still considered the champion by the World Boxing Union, based in Leeds, England, another instant ruling body. But neither the Garden nor Home Box Office will try to palm Foreman-

As bad as they are, Bruno, Seldoo and Botha are considered the champions of boxing's tricornered world.

Bruno, 34, dethroned Oliver McCall in a 12-round decision in September at Wembley Stadium, having been knocked out in his three previous title bouts by Tim Witherspoon in 1986, Tyson in 1989 and by Lennox Lewis in 1993. Seldon emerged as the WBA champion when Foreman refused to grant Axel Schulz a return match following his controversial 12-round decision over the German earlier

Botha the pudgy South African known as the "White Buffalo," was awarded the IBF title a week ago in a unanimous 12-round decision over Schulz that created a riot in Shingart, Germany.

And Saturday night, the three "champions" were at neside to scout Mike Tyson as a future challenger, Typical of a heavyweight division that is more upside

### Italy and Germany Face 'Group of Death' Host England Is Grouped with Its Oldest Enemy

By Ian Thomsen ional Herald Tribun

BIRMINGHAM — A repressed, staccato cheer followed the announcement of England's assignment Sunday to a relatively easy group in soccer's European Championship.

England will host the 16-team tournament next June. playing its first-round matches at home stadium Wembley against Switzerland, Scotland (which should be a 90-minute tournament unto itself) and the Netherlands, with the top two from each group advancing to the quarterfinals.

The hour-long final draw ceremony was broadcast live throughout Europe, and it succeeded once again io trotting out the gray, grainy memories of England's 1966 World Cup victory at Wembley. But perhaps the English needed a tougher draw to stimulate it again to such heights. They haven't had to squeeze through a real match for more than two years, since their failure to qualify for the World Cup finals.

The cheer came with some understandable relief that England had avoided Group C which already contained three former European champions Italy, Russia (who won as the USSR in 1960) and the Czech Republic (which won as Czechoslovakia in 1976). It became this year's "group of death" when Germany, twice winners, was drawn out last.

Two groups had been already been settled by the time England's lottery ball was drawn Lennart Johansson, president of UEFA, the European soccer federation.

Spain (with Germany the teams rated highest by UEFAL

before the tournament in Sweden. This ome, as defending champion, the Danes were seeded first in Group D with two untried, potencial champions Croatia and Portugal along with Turkey, which will be

making its European finals debut. England, which has been cloistered in fidgeting doubt while others played qualifying games, is in the most parochial of the groups. Switzerland is managed by an Englishman. Roy Hodgson, and Dutch players have enjoyed a long relationship with the British leagues. It doesn't look like the kind.

Among the eight stadiums in play next.

draw after another. Terry Venables, who has been besieged this year by tabloid scandals and lawsuits over his business dealings, said he will extend invitations this week to the best teams England can find for its last six friendlies before opening European Championship game June g at Wembley against surrounding the pitch were removed after Switzerland. He is hoping to play Germany, and there is talk of two matches in The larger audience will be fascinated South Africa next spring together with a team holiday.

England's June 15 meeting with Scotland figures to be an interesting national diother since England won 2-0 at Glasgow in

Group B will contain World Cup semi- after Scottish fans tore out the goalposts at finalist Bulgaria. Romania. France and Wembley in 1988. Of 127 matches, England has won 43 and Scotland 40.

"I can virtually guarantee there will be no Four years ago. Denmark was invited to trouble from the Scottish fans - they were replace Yugoslavia less than two weeks voted the best fans at the European Championship four years ago in Sweden," said Scotland manager Craig Brown. "I can't speak for the English supporters, but it will be pageantry, and if all goes well we may see the renewal of the annual fixture."

The bigger question will be the behavior

of opposition to kick-start an England team. June will be two memorials to the English that has had to be content with one friendly troubles of the 1980s -Hillsborough in Sheffield, where almost 100 fans were crushed to death in 1989, and Anfield in Liverpool, whose fans died at Hillsborough and were also involved in the 1985 tragedy at Heysel in Belgium, the latter causing a ban on England from playing in Europe. The stadiums are all-seaters and fences

by the June 19 showdown at Old Trafford in Manchester between Europe's leading powers. Italy and Germany. It will be their last opening-round game. For the record, version. The two teams haven't played each neither manager complained about being grouped with the other. Both should recall 1989, their arrival fixture having collapsed that the Netherlands and Germany had



become fixated with each other four years ago before Denmark upset both of them. The biggest winners this week have been the Dutch, who on Wednesday beat Ireland for the 16th and final spot next June. Now, after being drawn against England, as they were at this stage in the 1988 European

1990 World Cup, they have vaulted ahead of Italy and Germany as 9-2 favorites to win the June 30 final at Wembley.

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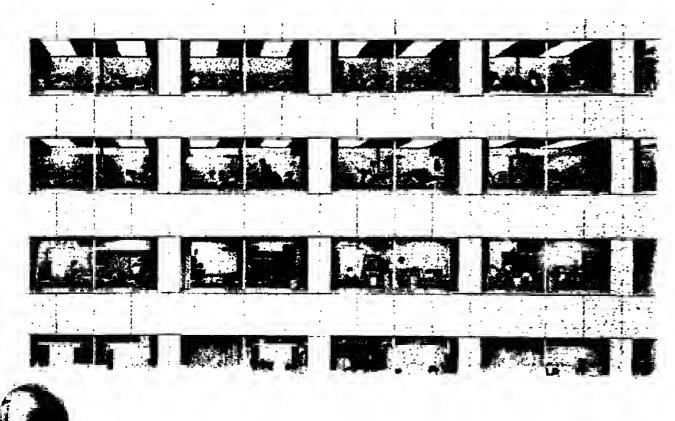
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England, in spite of the draw, dropped to fourth favorites at 7-1 alongside of Spain, while the poor Czechs fell to the bottom? 80-1 underdogs. Which puts them in the Championships (which they won) and the same league as the Danes last time around.



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